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Sharon shorn of defense

TEL AVIV, Feb. 13 (AP) — The Israeli cabinet Sunday accepted Ariel Sharon's resignation as defense minister but kept him on as a minister without portfolio to settle the crisis triggered by the report of the Beirut massacre commission.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin will temporarily take over the Defense Ministry after the Knesset (parliament) approves the reshuffle Monday or Tuesday, Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor announced.

Cabinet ministers of the various factions in the ruling coalition said the compromise keeping Sharon in the cabinet avoided the need to stage early elections.

Opposition parties protested that the reshuffle defied the inquiry commission's intention that Sharon leave the cabinet. The small Communist Party submitted a no-confidence motion to be debated this week, but the government was expected to defeat it.

The Labor Party, the largest opposition group, said it might organize public demonstrations to put "moral pressure" on the government to fire Sharon.

The inquiry commission recommended that Sharon "draw the appropriate personal conclusions" from its report charging him with responsibility for failing to foresee a massacre when he ordered Lebanese Christian Phalangists to mop up Palestinian resistance in the Beirut refugee camps last September.

Sharon's letter said he would comply with the decision, but "I have no intention to resign from the government and I intend to serve as a minister."

Cabinet ministers said Begin wanted to replace Sharon with Moshe Arens, Israel's ambassador in Washington, but he needed time to work out a deal with his coalition partners.

The Liberal Party, a faction of Begin's Likud bloc, lost one minister when Yitzhak Berman quit over Begin's hesitation to appoint the inquiry.

Arens' entry into the cabinet would further "upset the balance" by giving the dominant Herut Party another seat. The cabinet now has 19 ministers, eight from Herut and five Liberals, plus six from other parties in the coalition.



Iraq lauds French stand on Gulf war

MANAMA, Feb. 13 (AFP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Sunday expressed "deep appreciation" of the French stand on the Iran-Iraq war during a meeting with French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson, the Iraqi News Agency monitored here, reported.

President Saddam told Cheysson during a two-hour meeting that Iraq appreciated French policies on both Arab issues, and on the war that "the Iranian regime had imposed on Iraq."

The two men also discussed bilateral cooperation and international issues of mutual interest, INA reported.

Cheysson, who handed a message from French President Francois Mitterrand to President Saddam, arrived here Sunday on the first leg of a Middle East tour to Iraq, Jordan and Syria.

Meanwhile, France is Iraq's second biggest arms supplier after the Soviet Union, winning orders worth 27,500 million francs (about \$4 billion) in the last two years.

Iraq, which in January 1982 signed a contract to buy 29 French Mirage F1 planes, recently asked to be supplied with five Super Etendard planes equipped with the air-to-sea Exocet missile which played a central role in the Falklands War last year.

15,000 Iranians slain, Iraq says

MANAMA, Feb. 13 (AFP) — Iran lost more than 15,000 men in fighting last week and sustained heavy damage Saturday at its Kharg Island oil terminal, Iraqi sources said Sunday.

An Iraqi spokesman said Iran's Kharg Island installations, the country's largest oil terminal, sustained direct hits by bombing and shelling Saturday by the Iraqi navy and air force.

In a statement carried by the Iraqi News Agency monitored here, the spokesman said the island's western dock area, its pumping equipment and a tanker that was docked there were hit.

The attack on the island left thick "columns of smoke coming from objectives that were hit and could be seen by the naked eye," the spokesman said.

11 killed in Assam poll eve violence

GAUHATI, Feb. 13 (AFP) — At least 11 persons were killed in political violence Sunday in Assam, bringing the death toll in protests against Monday's elections to 86 since the beginning of the month.

The deaths came after police shootings, mob violence, bomb explosions and communal clashes between Muslim immigrants from Bangladesh and native Hindu Assamese, official reports said.

At least four Muslim immigrants were killed and several dozen seriously wounded when a Assamese mob raided two Muslim villages in apparent retaliation against an earlier attack on an Assamese village where three Hindu women were hacked to death, officials here said.

Four more persons were killed when police fired on mobs near Mangoon, in the Nowgong district, and there were reports of explosions in Nowgong town. Earlier, police said 200 persons were wounded and dozens missing.

Unofficial sources put the number of people killed since Feb. 7 protests against the coming elections at more than 100. Assamese-speaking natives are opposing the elections, demanding that the names of the some five million immigrants — 45 percent of the electorate — be removed from the voters' list.

Gemayel 'threatens to relinquish post'

ABU DHABI, Feb. 13 (AP) — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel was reported Sunday to have threatened he would resign his post unless Beirut was disarmed and placed under government authority.

The United Arab Emirates government newspaper *Al-Itihad* quoted informed Lebanese sources as saying Gemayel made the threat during a meeting with political and military leaders, held to discuss current fighting in the Beirut mountain area.

The report said Gemayel fears the fighting might spread to eastern Beirut, where Christian Phalangists still hold their own weapons, and was insisting on full disarmament of Lebanese factions.

"I refuse to be another Sarkis," Gemayel was quoted as saying. The reference was to Elias Sarkis, who held the presidency during Lebanon's most turbulent years, from May 1976 until Gemayel's election last year.

PLO okays link-up with Jordan

Turning point in its history

ALGIERS, Feb. 13 (Agencies) — All factions of the Palestine Liberation Organization reached agreement Saturday that a future Palestinian state should be confederated with Jordan, the chief PLO spokesman announced.

The spokesman, Ahmad Ahdul Rahman, told a news conference all the PLO leaders, including Yasser Arafat and hardliners George Habash and Nayef Hawatmeh, had accepted the principle of confederation, marking a turning point in the PLO's history.

The organization has hitherto insisted on total, unqualified independence and sovereignty for a Palestinian state.

Abdul Rahman did not elaborate on the agreement, reached in private meetings of the PLO leadership prior to a weeklong session of the Palestine National Council, the PLO's exile parliament, due to begin Monday.

Bassam Abu Sharif, chief spokesman of Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, refused to confirm or deny the reported agreement.

High Palestinian officials with direct access to the secret talks earlier told reporters the PLO leadership was close to agreement on

giving Jordan's King Hussein tacit authority to open peace talks with the Israelis under American auspices.

According to a poll conducted by *Al-Balad* Al-Siasi 80 percent of West Bank and Gaza Arabs favor a dialogue between the Palestinians and Jordan.

The survey, reported in the Hebrew daily *Haaretz*, indicated that 90 percent are satisfied with the leadership of Arafat.

Questionnaires were sent out to 1,000 Arabs — professionals, clerics, merchants and laborers, *Haaretz* said.

Asked whether a Palestinian dialogue with the United States would bear fruit, 31 percent said "yes", and 64 percent answered "no."

In another development, Bethlehem mayor Elias Freij Sunday called on members of PNC to give Arafat a free hand in fighting the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

"Every Arab town and village on the West Bank is becoming a ghetto surrounded by Israeli settlements," he said.

He called for unity at this critical time and for Arafat to be granted "the extraordinary powers to take the initiatives which the people on the West Bank and Gaza are waiting for."

He said he hoped his message would reach the council, because Israeli authorities had banned West Bank delegates from going to Algiers for the PNC meeting.

Freij has just returned from a visit to Jordan and Egypt, during which he met Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak as well as Jordan's King Hussein.

Rejects U.S. plan

ALGIERS, Feb. 13 (R) — PLO leadership has rejected President Reagan's Middle East peace plan, Abu Iyad said Sunday night. PLO, he said, found the plan unacceptable because it fell short of granting the Palestinian people a state.

Meanwhile, some 100 West Bank figures called upon PNC to "step up the struggle for the restoration of our rights, the return of self-rule and the formation of a Palestinian state under the direction of the PLO."

Their statement "implored PNC members, in the name of the national institutions of the occupied West Bank, to preserve the national unity of the Palestinian people."

It called on "Arab states to respect the Palestinian people's freedom of opinion," stressing its opposition to U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace plan.

Lays stress on U.S. role

Withdraw from Lebanon, Japan tells Israel

By a Special Correspondent

TOKYO, Feb. 13 — Japan has called on Israel to withdraw from Lebanon immediately and return all occupied Arab territories and recognize PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

This, Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe told *Arab News* in an exclusive interview, is essential for peace in the Middle East. He said no peace in the Middle East will have any meaning unless PLO is allowed to take part directly in the establishment of a sovereign state in the West Bank and on the Gaza Strip. Abe warned any delay in achieving these objectives will only give time to Israel to put up more settlements in the occupied territories.

In this connection, the Japanese foreign minister mentioned the special responsibility cast on the U.S. who, he said, is the only country, who can pressure Israel into vacating the occupied Arab territories and withdrawing from Lebanon. Abe revealed that Prime Minister Nakasone had stressed the American responsibility in bringing peace to the Middle East during his talks with President Reagan in Washington last month. On his part, he has expressed Japan's deep concern over the worsening of the Middle East situation to a very dangerous point because of Israel's invasion of Lebanon and the continued setting up of settlements in the occupied Arab territories to Secretary of State George Shultz when he visited Tokyo recently.

Abe denied there has been any change in Japan's Middle East policy and assured that his country stands by its commitments made two years ago when PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat visited Tokyo. Japan, he said, is deeply concerned over the situation in Lebanon and intends to do its best by cooperating in rebuilding Lebanon and in achieving a stable and durable peace in the Middle East.

Referring to the oil situation, the Japanese foreign minister said his country is concerned over reported differences among OPEC members about the price of crude. He denied Japan is encouraging a downward trend in oil prices. It is Japan's hope that the leadership of countries like Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Kuwait and Qatar will prevail over the OPEC leading to a more stable situation in the market of oil prices and supply.

Abe expressed deep appreciation of Saudi Arabia's leadership in bringing peace and stability into the Middle East and world economy. He hopes that King Fahd would visit Japan to further strengthen the relations between the two countries. Japan, he said, imports 70 percent of its oil requirements from the Middle East, most of it from Saudi Arabia. Japan also happens to be the No. 1 trading partner of the Kingdom. Abe said that Japan will stand by the Kingdom in its efforts to stabilize the oil situation and will contribute to the industrial development of the Kingdom.

The Japanese foreign minister praised the meritorious services rendered by the outgoing Saudi Ambassador Sheikh Zeid Dabbagh in bringing the two countries closer still.

Fahd receives Thatcher's note

RIYADH, Feb. 13 (SPA) — King Fahd Sunday received a message from British Prime Minister Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, delivered by British Ambassador James Craig.

The royal audience was attended by Crown Prince Abdullah and Foreign Minister Prince Saud.

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American team arrives; studies farm credit needs

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 13 — The U.S. Farm Credit Administration (USFCA) delegation has arrived on a nine-day visit to the Kingdom to study the agricultural need and assist the Saudi Arabian Agricultural Bank (SAAB) officials in making available credit for farms, according to USFCA Governor Donald Wilkinson.

Wilkinson is heading a six-member high-level team of the administration and farm credit system banks, which arrived here on Saturday at the invitation of SAAB Director General Abdul Aziz Al-Mangour.

Other members of the mission are USFCA Deputy Governor Larry Bacon; and four Farm Credit System Bank Presidents which include Cletus Horne from Columbia, South Carolina, Marion Mathews from Wichita, Kansas, John Harling from Omaha, Nebraska, and George Anderson from Sacramento, California.

The team left for Riyadh Sunday morning to hold meetings with SAAB director-general and with Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency governor. Members will also meet officials in the Saudi-U.S. Joint Commission and visit farms near Al-Kharezj on Feb. 16 and Hofuf on Feb. 19, before inspecting the

experimental farms in Dhahran on Feb. 20. Wilkinson told *Arab News*, his administration is trying to help SAAB in two ways. USFCA is providing a team of 15 experts for its Riyadh office for consultation in accounts, bank management, personnel training, credit administration, branch supervision, and bank operations. "Two of the members of the delegation will be heading this project," he added.

Another way is to provide training to the students in the United States, which started three years ago and over 100 students have already completed one year of training under this program.

"Students study at universities and get training at banks and credit institutions and visit farms to know the ways the loans are administered," Wilkinson said.

The mission had meetings with SAAB Jeddah Branch Manager Abdul Aziz Al-Hibsi, who had received training in the United States during first program.

"We have 37 large farm credit banks, meeting nearly one-third of the farmer's credit needs," Wilkinson said. "It has loaned out nearly \$81 billion this year, which grows at an average rate of 15 percent per year but since last year was not good for agriculturists, a growth of only three percent was recorded."

Chamber of Commerce and Industry sponsors businessmen's conference

DAMMAM, Feb. 13 (SPA) — The Chamber of Commerce and Industry will sponsor the first conference of Saudi Arabian businessmen on March 12. The conference will be hosted by the Eastern Province's Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the International Dhahran Hotel.

Secretary-General of the Eastern Province's Chamber of Commerce and Industry Hamdan Al-Sarhi declared that the conference, being organized to achieve a better

contribution by the private sector to development, aims to underline the significance of the private sector's role in implementing development plans, confronting difficulties and developing the private sector's own potential.

Sarhi said a number of ministers, directors, and heads of public departments, economic, commercial, industrial, agricultural and financial establishments, consultants, and economic experts, will participate in the three-day conference.

He noted that a number of subjects relating to social insurance, development of Saudi Arabian contracting, the new amendments introduced to the companies' regulations, and means of developing the private sector's own potential, will be studied at the conference.

He added that the conference will adopt a number of specific plans for the development of the private sector's own potential, such as the building of training institutes, computer centers and a department for employing private sector people.

Water project contract awarded

RIYADH, Feb. 13 (SPA) — A national company has won an SR15 million (nearly \$4 million) contract to implement a drinking water project for some villages in Al-Qunfudhah on the Red Sea coast, south of Jeddah.

The contract was signed by Agriculture and Water Resources Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh. The project includes the setting up of a 125,000-meter-long water pipeline and digging of two wells.



ITALIAN DELEGATION: An Italian mission of furniture exporters and manufacturers from Pesaro is now on a nine-day visit to the Kingdom. Shown here, from left, Pesaro Chamber of Commerce president Giorgio Tombari, who is heading the 17-member team; Italian Trade Central analyst Samir M. Salamah; and Pesaro Furniture Association director Elvio Ceppetelli.

Saudi Arabia's relations with PLO termed excellent, strong

RIYADH, Feb. 13 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has excellent and very strong relations with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), a Palestinian leader was quoted as saying in an interview published here Sunday.

Khalid Al-Fahoum, president of the Palestine National Council (PNC) told *Al-Jazirah* newspaper that King Fahd and other Saudi Arabian leaders have always backed the Palestine cause and supported the PLO as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people in their struggle against the Zionist entity.

The Kingdom has fulfilled all its financial commitments to the Palestinians in line with all Arab summit resolutions and has spared no efforts to put its full weight behind the Palestinian movement, he added.

Referring to the Palestine National Council (PNC) meeting due to start Monday in Algeria, Fahoum expressed optimism

that the outcome would be effective and useful in ensuring the Palestinian unity and recovering their inalienable rights. He said the council would endorse resolutions adopted at the 12th Arab Fez summit since unified Arab moves were inevitable in the upcoming stage.

Commenting on U.S. President Ronald Reagan's peace proposals to resolve the Middle East conflict, Fahoum said they ran short of meeting the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people including self-determination and the establishment of an independent state on their own soil with Jerusalem as its capital.

He added that the American plan ignored the PLO and described the initiative as unfit to provide a basis for a fair solution of the Palestine cause.

Fahoum said the PNC would discuss the Palestinian-Jordanian relations which he described as "special and exemplary."

Arab Student Aid International meets under Prince Turki Feb. 22

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 13 — The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Arab Student Aid International will meet here, Feb. 22-24, under its President Prince Turki bin Abdul Aziz. The foundation, which assists brilliant Arab students to pursue their studies and employ them in major schemes, received donations totaling \$3.7 million over the past five years.

UPM planning seminar on Gulf marine science

DHAHRAN, Feb. 13 (SPA) — The University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran will hold a seminar in Muharram next October on the development and application of mathematical patterns on marine science in the Gulf.

The university was chosen at the recommendation of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment based in Kuwait and the Defense Ministry's Meteorological and Environmental Institute. All Gulf states have endorsed the appointment.

Professor honored

Houston Bureau

AUSTIN, Texas — Dr. Ibrahim Abbas Natto, an associate professor at the University of Petroleum & Minerals (UPM) in Dhahran, recently was presented with a life membership certificate at the University of Texas' Ex-Student Association.

Dr. Natto received his certificate at a ceremony held at the university's Alumni Center, attended by the executive director of the center, the director of the international office, and the president of the association. He also was given a commemorative present representing the university by the president of the association.

Dr. Natto is spending his sabbatical year here at the University of Texas.

So far, the foundation extended 1,200 loans to students wanting to obtain B.A. and master's degrees and doctorate. Only 50 students of both sexes were granted such assistance in 1977/78; but the number soon jumped to 500 students in 1981/82. Last year, the first group of 100 students graduated as a result of the foundation's aid. They included 54 B.A.'s, 34 master's degrees and 12 doctorates.

The resources of the foundation consist of donations from individuals and institutions in Arab countries; scholarships by U.S. universities and institutes for foreign students; gifts from those who graduated and began their activity in the Arab world as a result of the institution's assistance; and revenue from Arab governments and bodies against the manpower provided by the foundation in various specialized fields.

Only those students who obtain no less than 85 percent of the total marks at the secondary school certificate or get a "very good" mark at their graduation from university can benefit from the scholarships. The foundation aims at producing a generation of Arab geniuses to contribute to the development of their respective countries.

2-day folklore festival opens in Dammam

RIYADH, Feb. 13 (SPA) — A two-day folklore festival organized at the Industrial Institute's theater in Dammam will be formally opened this evening. The festival will begin with a program of folk songs and arts prepared by the Folklore Department at the Youth Welfare Organization.

More than 80 members of the Riyadh folklore group will take part in the festival in addition to members of similar groups in the Eastern and Western Provinces.

The department's director, Tarik Abdul Hakeem, who was recently elected chairman of the Arab Music Academy will supervise the festival.

Italian furniture group weighs Jeddah exhibition

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 13 — Italian furniture exporters from Pesaro are considering a proposal from the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry to have a permanent exhibition center here for their products, according to Pesaro Chamber of Commerce President Giorgio Tombari.

Tombari is leading a 17-member delegation of furniture exporters and manufacturers from Pesaro. The team, which is currently on a nine-day visit to the Kingdom, will be in Riyadh on Feb. 13-14, Dammam on Feb. 15-16, Abha on Feb. 17 and Al-Ahsa Feb. 18-19. The team will meet with chambers of commerce and importers in the areas.

The mission sponsored by Pesaro chamber, is on a 17-day tour of various Arab countries. After the Kingdom's visit, the team will go to Bahrain on Feb. 20-21, Abu Dhabi Feb. 22-23 and Kuwait Feb. 24-26.

Tombari told *Arab News* apart from strengthening the existing trade relations, the group is inviting furniture importers from these Arab countries to the 23rd Pesaro Furniture Fair to be held on May 18-31 this year, where there will be a special sixth Arabian Furniture Fair on May 25-27.

He said in Pesaro there are 320 factories employing nearly 28,000 workers, with manufacturing all types of specialized furniture, worth about \$650 million. Their total exports to Arab countries are estimated at \$80 million annually, of which Saudi Arabia alone accounts for more than 80 percent.

The exhibition had very encouraging responses last year and more than 400 buyers from Arab countries had visited the fair, Tombari said. "This has enthused us to make special arrangements for Arab visitors this year," he added. They are arranging chartered flights between Rome and Pesaro and will open special information centers for their valued customers, he said.

Yemen weekly praises Kingdom's aid to earthquake victims

SANAA, Feb. 13 (SPA) — A weekly newspaper has described the recent meeting between President Ali Abdullah Saleh and King Fahd as one grouping the Yemeni and Saudi Arabian peoples.

The paper, *September 26*, affirmed that the Yemeni people would never forget the Kingdom's support to alleviate the suffering of the victims of the devastating earthquake which hit the country in December. It said the strong relations binding the two countries in fact reflected the natural development of relations between both peoples.

For his part, Transport Minister Ahmad Al-Ansi told the paper in an interview that the Kingdom's support for North Yemen was behind the success of joint Saudi-Yemeni projects especially in air transport which he said saw tremendous development both internally and externally.

Local bank opens branch in Yanbu

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 13 — Al Bank Al Sandi Al Hollandi opened its 14th branch at Madinat Yanbu Al Sunaiyat (Yanbu Industrial City) at the beginning of this month.

The bank's public relations manager, Mustafa Malaika, told *Arab News* the branch, located in Building No. 6004 in Camp VI, is fully computerized in line with all other branches of the bank.

The advantage of the branch's computerization is that customers receive a statement for every entry in their account showing their last balance, he said.

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Fahd's support to Islamic, Arab causes hailed

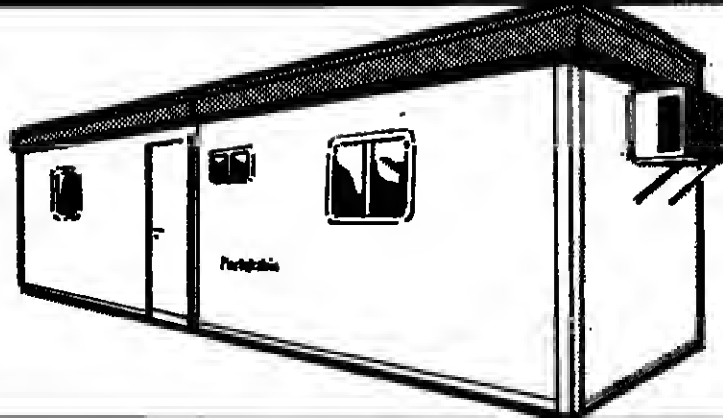
JEDDAH, Feb. 13 (SPA) — A member of the North Yemen Consultative Council has expressed appreciation of the Kingdom's significant role under King Fahd's leadership in support of Islamic and Arab causes.

Muhammad Jabari told SPA that his country was grateful to receive generous aid from Saudi Arabia to provide relief to the victims of the earthquake which shook the Dhahran region of North Yemen in December last year.

He said the Kingdom's aid would help a great deal in the reconstruction of villages and cities devastated by the quake. Jabari added that his current visit to Saudi Arabia came in the framework of fostering bilateral relations.

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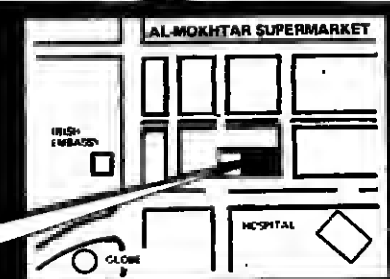
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Agency to qualify contractors in advance

JEDDAH, Feb. 13 — No contractor can be involved in government projects unless he is pre-qualified, *Al-Mess'aynah* reported. A spokesman for the Contractor Classification Agency of the Ministry of Public Works and Housing said that the classification is done by the agency after thoroughly examining each contractor.

Once this is done, the contractor is given a grade according to his capacity and the size of the projects he can handle. No contractor can apply for a government project unless he is so categorized. The agency then follows up his performance and can change the grade if necessary.

The spokesman said that the list will help government departments in selecting adequate contractors before awarding them any contracts. This measure will help Saudi Arabian contractors to raise their standards. It will also lead to a data bank being set up in the Kingdom for the contracting sector. That bank could be particularly useful for planning purposes.

Third rate contractors, for example, can compete in construction projects involving no more than SR50 million each. But the financial volume of the projects is not the only factor. Criteria like the level of management, the financial status of the contractor, the engineering and technical staff he is using and the equipment at his disposal are also taken into consideration.

Local companies win SR223m railway contract

DAMMAM, Feb. 13 (SPA) — The General Railways Organization has signed two contracts worth more than SR223 million with two national firms to set up new railway stations in Dammam, Hofuf and Riyadh and to operate and run the customs railway station in Riyadh.

The organization's president, Faisal Al-Shunhayyel, said that the first SR187,694,963 contract calls for the construction of passenger railway stations in Dammam, Hofuf and Riyadh in the Arabo-Islamic style and the installation of SR17 million worth of rail-road stations. It will be carried out within two years from the signing date.

Municipal staff faces stick, carrot routine

JEDDAH, Feb. 13 — Jeddah Municipality is using the stick and the carrot for its officials, according to *Al-Madina* Sunday. Yusuf ibn Hamad, the municipality's general controller, said that incentives for the officials in come and leave on time include sanctions and rewards as well.

Apart from the fact that officials failing to report on time or who leave before the end of office hours will be severely penalized, those who are punctual will receive letters of appreciation and up to two months of bonus.



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Hyatt completes 'Regency Class' floor, suite renovation

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Archaeological, museum projects to be discussed

MANAMA, Feb. 13 (SPA) — The Permanent Committee of Arab Archaeology and Museums will start its four-day meeting here Tuesday. The committee members will discuss the setting up of an Arab center for registering accounts on the archaeological heritage of the Arab world.

The meeting will also consider a proposal to train and create an Arab cadre with good command of ancient Arab languages.

Participants will also review means of preserving archaeological sites and places in occupied Jerusalem and discuss a report on "Zionist crimes and attacks on the Palestine Research Center in Beirut."

A proposal to establish an Arab center for the preservation of Arab archaeological heritage in Algeria is also expected to be endorsed by the committee.

Speed limit reduced on part of Madinah Road

JEDDAH, Feb. 13 — Jeddah Traffic Commander Lt. Col. Shabhat Mufti said Sunday that Madinah Road up to the bridge near the cement factory is no longer a highway, *Al-Madina* reported Sunday. Therefore, he said the maximum speed on that road is now 70 kilometers per hour.

Mufti also conferred Saturday with Maj. Ahmad Tumar, head of the license division, to inform him that "Mu'aqqibin" (those who deal with the traffic department to process papers on behalf of a third party) should no longer be allowed to apply for individuals or owners of car exhibitions, but only for firms.

Museum being built

JEDDAH, Feb. 13 — King Abdul Aziz Palace at Al-Murabba'e in Riyadh is being turned into a national museum, *Al-Mess'aynah* reported. Parts of the neighborhood of the palace are being demolished to build annexes for the proposed museum sponsored by the Ministry of Education.

Salary, benefit survey helps businesses evaluate costs

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 13 — The oil glut and other economic and political problems in the Middle East make it imperative for companies operating there to keep careful tabs on their costs according to Derek Wharton, a member of the International Salary Surveys Unit of Organization Resource Counselors, Inc. (ORC).

Wharton told *Arab News*, in the compensation area, the salary survey his firm has just completed about Saudi Arabia is particularly successful in helping companies operating here to keep their costs in line.

The ORC "Survey of Salaries and Benefits in Saudi Arabia," has in one year increased its participating companies and the incumbents reported by two-thirds.

The first half of the survey is salary data. In the autumn 1982 survey, salaries are reported by 36 companies on 198 survey benchmark jobs ranging from first-level supervisor to professional positions like bank managers.

The survey covers 14 nationalities, North American, European, Middle and Far Eastern, whether they are expatriates, employees on a specific contract or locally-hired employees. It includes both Saudi Arabian citizens and non-Saudis.

The second part of the survey consists of responses to over 70 questions on company employment conditions and policies, ranging from "What was the average over-all salary percentage increase in the past year for expatriates?" to "Does your company provide health care for the dependents of Saudi Arabian citizens?"

Wharton said that data on 16,102 incumbents is contained in the current report. Each company chooses its own unique group of up to 30 participant companies against which its data will be compared.

Among the participants of the survey are: Raytheon, Caltex, American Telegraph and Telephone, Hospital Corporation of America, Fluor, Northrop, Lockheed, Westinghouse, Saudi American Bank (Citicorp), Saudi British Bank, to name only a few. New participants joining in the 1983 survey were Saudi Petrochemical (Shell), Olayon, the Saudi Dutch Bank, Baxter Travenol Laboratories and Cable and Wireless PLC.

Plans for the 1983 survey, Wharton said, in addition to the basic survey, will include a program of additional support activities. The report is sold on a subscription basis with subscribers receiving copies of data reports.

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Fajr (Dawn)	5:28	5:32	5:03	4:52	5:16	5:48
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:35	12:36	12:07	11:54	12:18	12:48
Asr (Afternoon)	3:52	3:51	3:22	3:07	3:31	3:59
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:19	6:16	5:47	5:32	5:57	6:24
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Soviets deploy SS-20 missiles in Afghanistan

MUNICH, Feb. 13 (AP) — Afghanistan's former prime minister claimed that the Soviets have installed SS-20 missiles, built underground barracks and enlarged military airfields in his country.

Muhammad Yussuf told a news conference Saturday the Soviets took these purported steps "obviously not to fight the Mujahedeen in the country, but to manifest their territorial expansion on the way to the Gulf."

He described the Soviet thrust into Afghanistan as a purely strategic one "to gain access to the Gulf and control over the oil lifelines of Western Europe."

Yussuf, who came to West Germany for medical treatment a week before Soviet troops entered Afghanistan in December 1979, appealed to the West to help the freedom fighters "morally and materially."

He said the Soviets are now trying to starve the freedom fighters into submission.

"Already the Russians have started to construct underground barracks, have enlarged the military airfields and installed SS-20 missiles," Yussuf said.

"Our people are fighting the intruders with Medieval weapons, with virtually no food in their stomachs, with little clothing and no shoes,"



he said. "It would be short-sighted to assume this one-sided battle can go on forever," he added.

"Half a million Afghans have been killed and 4 million driven abroad," Yussuf claimed, "but the invaders and their Communist lackeys were unable to install a simple administration throughout the country."

Yussuf denied Soviet claims that the Mujahedeen receive massive aid from abroad, particularly from the United States. "We wish this were true," he said. "The West has helped the refugees, but has sent no weapons."

The only weapons available to the mountain warriors, he said, "are the same ones with which our ancestors fought the British a century ago." He said the freedom fighters also captured some Soviet arms and purchased what weapons they could on the free markets.

Situation worsens as 6 Druzes are kidnapped

BEIRUT, Feb. 13 (Agencies) — Relations between Druze and Christian communities in the mountains east of here sharply deteriorated over the last 24 hours with the abduction of six Druzes Saturday and the killing of several Christians Friday.

The Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) of Druze leader Walid Jumblatt has accused the Lebanese Forces, the united Christian militia group, of abducting six persons in Arbanieh, including a former Lebanese ambassador.

Press reports said abductions were aimed at securing the release of Christian hostages reportedly held by the Druze militia.

On Friday, according to the Lebanese Forces, members of the PSP murdered two brothers — both Christians — in the village of Shaniyah and kidnapped two other members of the family. Sources in the Christian

militia reported that the last two had also been found murdered, but the newspaper *Al Nahar* Sunday said their fate remained unknown.

The PSP has denied that its militiamen were behind the killings, which triggered an exodus of Christian families from the mountain region.

In a communique published in the press here, the party said it had conducted its own investigation into the incident and indirectly accused the Lebanese Forces, whom it identified as "the group which is behind the exodus of Christians from the mountain under the pretext of defeeding them."

The mountain region, where both Druzes and Christians live is partly controlled by the Lebanese Forces. The Western side of the mountain is under the control of Syrian

troops and militiamen from Lebanese nationalist groups.

In the region of Alek, southeast of Beirut, which is occupied by Israeli soldiers, the PSP and the Lebanese Forces have not yet arrived at an agreement on the exchanges of hostages, despite the expiration of a deadline for such a move, set last Monday by a "security accord" between the two factions.

The Christian Forces cooped that 28 of their members are being held by the PSP. But the Druze party, on the other hand, says it has not yet received information on the status of 30 persons listed as missing during last June's Israeli invasion of the region.

Meanwhile, residents of the Disopa of Alek have asked that the international press be allowed to witness the destruction that has taken place there.

Israeli troops have blocked access to the area since last Tuesday.

In another development, an explosive charge went off south of Tyre Sunday, slightly two persons, one of them an Israeli soldier.

The military command reported. The explosion occurred as a bus carrying soldiers was passing on a road near the Rashadiyeh refugee camp. Israeli troops were combing the area for suspects.

Buses carrying Israeli troops have in the past been the targets of commando attacks. On Jan. 7, 21 soldiers were wounded when small arms fire and bazookas were fired at their bus.

PLO gesture to mothers of Israeli POWs

TEL AVIV, Feb. 13 (AP) — An announcer on Jordanian television has extended an invitation to the mothers of two Israeli soldiers being held by a faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization to visit their sons in Lebanon.

The announcer, Harun Muhammad, said Saturday that he had met both soldiers and found them well. The two, who were taken prisoners in Lebanon more than five months ago by the group of Ahmad Jibril, have not been allowed visits by the International Red Cross.

Harun told the mothers of Yusef Groff and Nissim Shalem that they could go to Beirut and there contact the Red Cross which would arrange the visit.

Asked for reaction on Israel radio Sunday, Miriam Groff said she had been "astounded" by the message and had already started "making various inquiries". She said that it was a pity the PLO had not made such an offer before but if "the PLO wants us to come we'll do all we can to arrange it."

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said he was not aware of any requests from the mothers and an army spokesman said the army was not dealing with the matter.

Israel has demanded that the two soldiers be accorded the same Red Cross visits that six other soldiers held by Al Fatah are allowed. Israel has said it would not withdraw from Lebanon until all its prisoners are repatriated.

Mass executions in Iran reported

PARIS, Feb. 13 (AP) — The Paris-based People's Mujahedeen, the main Iranian opposition group, said Sunday that 1,800 political prisoners were executed at Tehran's Evin Prison in a single week last month.

The statement from the office of opposition leader Massoud Rajavi, citing "reliable reports from Iran," said the mass executions started Jan. 22 and ended Jan. 28.

"Trucks were used to carry the corpses of the executed to Tehran's Behesht-Zahra cemetery where they were buried in secret," the statement said.

The Mujahedeen said "based on accounts given by the employees working at the cemetery," most of the corpses had been tortured beyond recognition and the Revolutionary Guards refused to deliver them to families who had gathered at the site.

To fight colonialism

Shed complacency, OAU told

DAR-ES-SALAAM, Tanzania, Feb. 13 (AP) — Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmad Salim has appealed to member-states of the Organization of African Unity to avoid complacency because of past victories in eradicating colonialism, according to the official Tanzania News Agency.

Referring to apartheid in South Africa, Salim said, "the enemy does not hesitate to engage in carnage, destabilization campaigns against neighboring countries and even to occupy parts of sovereign states."

On the impact of the meeting, he noted that the liberation committee identified the seriousness of the problems and has endeavored to mobilize all resources available for the purpose of meeting the new challenge.

Salim said the Arusha session which was attended by OAU Secretary-General Edem Kodjo demonstrated Africa's ability to face its challenge when there is a will to do so.

The fact that 21 member-states of the liberation committee were able to assemble plus eleven others which attended as observers, he said, showed they were all committed "to the objectives of the OAU." "This augurs very well for the future of our continent," he added. Delegates to the meeting left Arusha for home Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, two Egyptian Foreign Ministry officials flew to Lagos Sunday at the start of a four-day African tour to discuss the future of the troubled OAU.

A ministry statement said they would deliver messages to the foreign ministers of the four West African nations from Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Boutros Ghali.

The statement said the messages dealt with the crisis facing the OAU. The organization failed twice last year to hold a summit meeting, due to take place in Tripoli, first because of a dispute over the Western Sahara conflict and then over Chad's representation.

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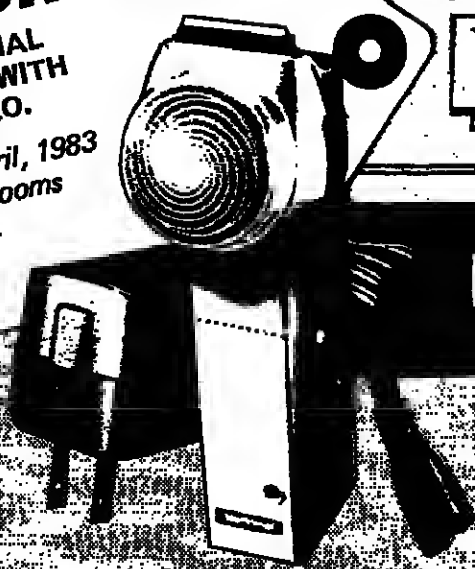
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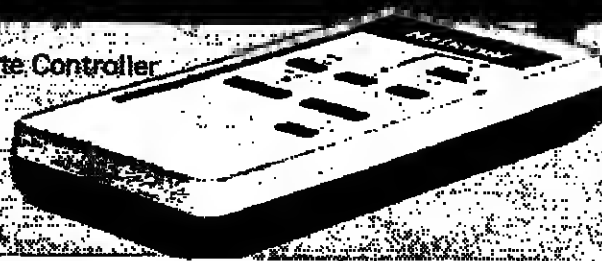
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Marcos battling Communists

DAVAO, Philippines, Feb. 13 (AP) — A beefed-up military accused of abusing civilians is waging an increasingly deadly war with Communist rebels who are amassing a guerrilla army on Mindanao, second-largest island of the Philippines.

At least 100 Filipinos — soldiers, rebels and civilians — have died in the worst six weeks of Philippines violence since President Ferdinand E. Marcos ended eight years of martial law in January 1981. Last week, Marcos sent additional troops, navy ships and helicopters to the island. The government gets some of its antirebel firepower from the United States under a \$250 million arms credit package that allows key American Air Force and navy bases in the Philippines. The agreement is up for renewal in talks to begin in April.

While life for most of Mindanao's 10 million residents goes on normally, the impoverished rural majority is caught between the new government show of force and Mao-Marxist guerrilla bands of up to 200 men and women who temporarily take over whole towns for hours at a time.

"There is no doubt they want to accelerate against the government," said Gen. Delfin Castro, southern Philippines military commander who last week set up a makeshift war room in the basement of a rented house in Davao, the island's largest city, 960 kms south of Manila. Castro had just returned from an area north of Davao where 11 soldiers were killed in an ambush by 120 guerrillas last week.

The general said he ordered the arrest of a village leader who told the soldiers there were no rebels in town, but the local commander released him. "We get letters from all over about human rights violations, and actually I think we are sometimes too lenient," Castro said. A report by the Davao chapter of the Philippines Integrated Bar accuses the military of ousting at least 3,000 persons from their homes to set up "strategic hamlets" similar to those used by U.S. troops during the Vietnam War to undercut Communist support by the Vietnamese masses.

Castro says the people leave voluntarily because they are harassed and taxed by rebels.

The government has given no overall account of casualties in the latest fighting, but interviews with military and civilian authorities, church people and captured rebels, along with published reports of individual skirmishes, indicate the death toll is higher than 100 on all sides in nearly daily incidents.

These include at least two attacks by rebels on passenger buses, several ambushes and raids on military and volunteer units and liquidation of civilians who refuse to cooperate with the Communist New People's Army (NPA). The incidents also include government retaliation against the rebels and alleged "salvaging" where people say relatives were taken away by soldiers and never heard from again.

"It's a real mess," said a U.S. diplomat who traveled through central Mindanao recently. "Parts of the road look like Vietnam with Communist slogans painted on the pavement and soldiers everywhere." The American said his car, with diplomatic plates, was searched at a military checkpoint — something he said never happened in extensive travels through Vietnam during the war.

The fighting has shattered a shaky peace established on Mindanao after a full-scale civil war between Marcos' troops and Muslims took more than 50,000 lives in the 1970s.

A few Muslim rebels still harass the government, but military sources say most of those who have not surrendered under an ongoing government amnesty offer have been replaced by the bolder and better-equipped Communists.

Military sources in Mindanao say Russian weapons have been found with the rebels, and one officer said he believes the Communists are actually more Soviet-than-Mao-oriented.

The Philippines since the mid-1970s has

Plans army reorganization

Zhao predicts reunion with Taiwan

PEKING, Feb. 13 (Agencies) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang greeted the Chinese lunar new year Sunday with a prediction that Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao would "sooner or later" be united with the mainland.

In a new year address to the nation in the Great Hall of the People, he also spoke of "tremendous successes on all fronts" in the past year in China, which was "full of vitality with a continuous development of political stability and unity," the New China News Agency reported.

He added that a reorganization of the 40-million strong Chinese Community Party would begin at the end of the year to "increase the party's fighting capacity."

The lunar new year, China's chief festival, traditionally gives rise to a staggering migration which this year looked likely to approach a world record. The authorities were expecting over 500 million people, or half the population, to criss-cross the country during the four-day holiday.

Zhao called for a strengthening of China's military capability to "improve China's ability to defend herself in modern wars." He said that "the nation is full of confidence in building socialism with Chinese characteristics," and called on overseas Chinese around the world to make "concerted efforts" to reunite the country.

In a reference to Nationalist-ruled Taiwan, the British territory of Hong Kong and the Portuguese colony of Macao, Zhao said that "sooner or later, the separated parts of the Chinese nation will be reunited." He also

spoke of the development of economy, improvement in living conditions and the need for reforms in the Chinese administration.

On foreign affairs, Zhao spoke of China's wish to "further strengthen unity with the Third World and the people of all countries to oppose hegemonism," a codeword for U.S. and Soviet policies.

Early Sunday excited crowds of Peking residents flocked to a district in the southern part of the city to watch a traditional peasant festival in the open air, alternating with troops of dancers, actors and acrobats. The artists, wearing make-up and bright costumes, performed to applause for nearly two hours in streets in the Kengtai area, against a background of a deafening stream of firecrackers.

The firecrackers and fireworks are a basic ingredient of every Chinese festival, and are traditionally thought to be an expression of the festive mood.

On a more sober note, Chinese papers have been warning readers for days against the accidents which firecrackers almost inevitably cause. The press also drew attention to the government ban on gambling and "superstitious practices" during the new year celebrations, which last for 10 days even though only four of them are official holidays.

Taiwan also welcomed the new year Sunday with firecrackers, traditional family gatherings and a message from President Chiang Ching-kuo. Government offices, schools and most businesses closed down at the start of the four-day holiday Saturday.

Elizabeth's ex-aide to keep mum

LONDON, Feb. 13 (AP) — Former police Cmdr. Michael Trestrail, Queen Elizabeth II's bodyguard who resigned last year after admitting a secret affair with another man, says he will "never betray the royal family" by writing his memoirs.

Trestrail, 52, was quoted in an interview with *The Sunday Times* of London as saying he could sell his story of 19 years as the monarch's shadow, for "a large amount of money." But in the interview, the first he has given since he quit in disgrace last July, Trestrail declared at his home on London's fashionable southwestern outskirts: "I was privileged to know the royal family and I could not betray them. Whatever I said, no matter how innocent, or harmless it might seem, would hurt them."

Trestrail, who has grown a beard since going into hiding, added: "I have still got this sense of what I owe them. It was 19 glorious years, the happiest of my life. It is not their fault. I got so used to seeing the sadness of people who had left (Buckingham) Palace and then spilling the so-called harmless beans. It made me wince."

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Salvador minister sees threat to regime

SAN SALVADOR, Feb. 13 (AFP) — Sharp fighting continued Saturday night, more than 24 hours after a leftist guerrilla attack in the Suchitoto district 40 kms north-east of the capital.

The fighting is taking place at a moment when the cohesion of the general staff is threatened by grave rivalry, observers commented. Defense Minister Guillen Garcia has stated that a threat to El Salvador's constitutional regime persists since the mutiny early last month by a provincial commander who demanded that Gen. Garcia be sacked.

Gen. Garcia warned that a right-wing coup would be catastrophic for the struggle against the leftist guerrillas. A member of the constituent assembly told Agence France-Presse he believed the air force's alleged bombing of Berlin, a town of 30,000 during its occupation by guerrillas from Jan. 31 to Feb. 3, was intended to create a state of shock that could set the stage for a coup.

The archbishop of San Salvador reported

that 258 civilians were killed by army operations in Berlin and elsewhere in the week beginning Jan. 31. But Gen. Garcia denied that the air force bombed Berlin. He said the guerrillas bombed it with mortars while planes were flying overhead.

On Saturday, Nevien at El Murr, 13 kms from Suchitoto, saw soldiers pile the bodies of six of their comrades into a truck. The dead soldiers were bloody and half-naked, the journalists said. Unofficial sources said at least eight other soldiers had been killed in that district. A military spokesman said guerrillas had been killed too, but could not be counted since their comrades had carried away the bodies.

Most of the skirmishes were taking place along 10 kms of the road between Suchitoto and San Martin. A truck bringing national guard reinforcements was ambushed two kms from Suchitoto.

Inhabitants of the town said fighting had

spread in the outskirts but that no guerrillas had entered the town, which was defended by 100 soldiers. Suchitoto was cut off from the rest of the country Saturday. It is near Guazapa Volcano, where the Farahundo Matl Nacional Liberation Front (FMLN) operates frequently.

Two-thirds of Suchitoto's 15,000 people have left because of continual fighting since the guerrilla war started three years ago. The FMLN claimed to have captured two villages Friday in northern El Salvador — Aguas Calientes in Chalatenango province, and Sociedad, only 15 kms from the capital of Morazan province.

American composer

Eubie Blake dead

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (R) — The world of American popular music Sunday mourned Eubie Blake, one of giants of ragtime, who died Saturday five days after his 100th birthday.

Blake composed more than 1,000 songs, including "Memories of You" and "I'm Just Wild About Harry." Only last Monday, thousands of people jammed St. Peter's Lutheran Church to hear dozens of jazz groups play in a round-the-clock birthday celebration for him. Blake, who once quipped he would have taken better care of himself had he known that he would live so long, watched televised excerpts of the show from his sick bed at home.

He also listened on a specially-installed telephone line to a two-hour party held in his honor at a New York theater. Blake's friend and lawyer, Elliot Hofman, said the humorous and hugely popular black musician died at his Brooklyn home while battling pneumonia.

On Rwanda refugees

Cuellar plans talks with Obote

NAIROBI, Feb. 13 (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar left Sunday for Uganda, the last stop of his eight-nation African tour, where he will discuss the plight of Rwandan refugees with Ugandan President Milton Obote.

More than 40,000 ethnic Rwandans fled Uganda last October during a campaign of violence and cattle theft until Rwanda closed its border. Another 23,000 prevented from crossing have been given shelter on the Ugandan side of the border.

The sudden shelter influx created a crisis in Rwanda, Africa's most densely-populated

country. It has formally asked Uganda to take back those refugees holding Ugandan citizenship, believed to be the majority.

Cuellar, during an earlier stop in Tanzania, was asked by the Rwandan ambassador to raise the repatriation issue during his talks with Obote, and the secretary-general agreed, said Joe Sills, a U.N. spokesman. A one-to-one meeting with the Ugandan leader was scheduled for Sunday afternoon, he said. Another session between delegations also was planned before Cuellar departs Monday afternoon for Geneva, Switzerland, where he will attend a disarmament meeting.

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Under amnesty**Colombian leftists surrender**

BOGOTA, Feb. 13 (R) — A 350-strong group of leftist guerrillas has surrendered to Colombia's authorities under a government amnesty, the regional governor said.

Governor Jose Miller Ortiz told reporters Saturday that the 350, who gave themselves up in their southern stronghold of El Caqueta, had been given full guarantees that they would be able to live as normal citizens.

He said the government had also given a formal pledge of economic aid so that they could return to their previous work as farmers. "The amnesty is yielding good results in El Caqueta and we hope that very soon other sedition groups will abandon their armed struggle and rejoin community life," he added.

About 1,000 leftist guerrillas have so far

Bandit queen claims deal with police

NEW DELHI, Feb. 13 (R) — Bandit queen Phoolan Devi, India's most notorious outlaw, was Sunday behind bars in Gwalior after laying down her gun at a controversial surrender ceremony Saturday.

The 26-year-old gangster, wanted for the massacre of 21 villagers two years ago, gave herself up to the authorities in the central state of Madhya Pradesh along with another of the country's most feared outlaws, and 22 other bandits, police said. But controversy surrounded the formal ceremony. News and pictures of the girl who called herself "Dasyu Sundari" (the beautiful bandit) were splashed on the front pages of Indian newspapers Sunday. Under the headline "Crowd fury over red carpet to Phoolan," *The Hindustan Times* said many in the crowd felt that the outlaws should have been gunned down rather than received by the chief minister Arjan Singh.

The Madhya Pradesh chief minister said she had surrendered without conditions. But Phoolan claimed she had made a deal with police. She said the terms included full protection for her family and a commitment that

she would not be handed over to the neighboring state of Uttar Pradesh where her gaug had held sway in the craggy ravines of the Yamuna River.

The U.P. police are known for their ruthlessness in dealing with the bandits, known here as dacoits, and have in the past been accused of shooting outlaws in cold blood and then claiming they died in an encounter with security forces. Producing a handwritten document she declared was her surrender agreement, she said the conditions also stated that she should go on trial before a special court in Madhya Pradesh.

The ceremony has also highlighted the bitter rivalry between the U.P. and Madhya Pradesh police, who are engaged in a continuous battle to stamp out the dacoits. In scenes reminiscent of the Wild West, the dacoits, who are often better armed than the police, hold up cars and trains at gunpoint to rob passengers of valuables and abduct the sons of local landlords for ransom.

headed the call to lay down their arms, but about 3,500 guerrillas are still active, government officials say. Attacks by the insurgents have increased in the past month after a period of relative calm. According to official figures, 40 persons have died in political violence this year and at least 30 civilians have been kidnapped.

The government said Saturday it would issue "peace bonds" to a total of 70 billion pesos (just over \$1 billion) to raise money to modernize the police force. President Belisario Betancur announced Friday night that the government would spend 30 billion pesos (about \$436 million) on re-equipping the police force to fight criminal and guerrilla activity.

Interior Minister Rodrigo Escobar Navia said that hoods, which would be sold to the public by finance houses and savings banks, would enable the government to rehabilitate areas where guerrillas had been most active. President Betancur's conservative government was elected last year on a platform of internal security, economic reactivation and an end to corruption by officials.

The national customs department said Saturday 42 officials had been sacked and would be prosecuted for alleged corruption.

The 350 guerrillas who surrendered belonged to the M-19 Movement, the largest and most active of four main groups fighting to dispossess the handful of big landowners who dominate Colombia's economy.

Ghana sees Nigerian plot in expulsions

LONDON, Feb. 13 (AP) — Flight Lt. Jerry Rawlings, Ghana's military ruler, was quoted Sunday as accusing Nigeria of plotting against his revolutionary regime by expelling all Ghanaians illegally working in the West African state.

Rawlings, in his first interview since the Feb. 1 expulsions, said in *The Sunday Times* of London that he plans to put the flood of forced-out migrants to work on the land. "The best place for them is in our drive to develop agriculture," he was quoted as saying.

The return of a million jobless has raised fears they could cause chaos in Ghana's already-crippled economy. Rawlings declared that if his regime can resettle the returnees and crank up the economy, "it will be a shining example to Africa."

The half-Scottish fighter pilot wore a pistol strapped to his leg during the interview at the head of state's residence near Accra, a 17th century castle built by European slave traders.

Rawlings, who seized power for the second time in three years 14 months ago, admitted: "It has been a difficult first year...but we are still building a mass movement...The system is new and fragile." When asked about calls for a government of national unity, he stressed: "There is no question of handing over again to the elite."

Cuts short tour**Chile economy minister said facing dismissal**

SANTIAGO, Feb. 13 (R) — Chilean Economy Minister Rolf Luderer cut short a European tour Saturday as the local press reported that he was one of the several ministers about to be dismissed from military President Augusto Pinochet's cabinet.

Luderer arrived at Santiago's International Pudahuel Airport with Central Bank President Carlos Caceres. The Chilean military junta, headed by President Pinochet in his capacity as army commander, said two days ago it would investigate an attempt by politicians to impeach Luderer when President Pinochet returned last Wednesday from a holiday in Balamu, a seaside resort 140 kms from Santiago. While he was away, persistent rumors circulated in Chile and abroad that he had been placed under house arrest.

But a senior Chilean official denied there was any truth in the reports, saying they were part of a psychological war waged by opponents of his government. Informal sources confirmed Saturday that the president would leave for a tour of southern Chile Monday after swearing in new Foreign Minister Miguel Alex Schweitzer Walter.

But press reports said other new ministers were also likely to be appointed. The authoritative *Mercurio* newspaper quoted sources close to the government as saying Luderer would probably be one of those to go.

"Unofficial reports indicated Friday that the cabinet had left complete freedom of action to President Augusto Pinochet, who will decide this weekend on possible replacements," it said.

Spokesmen (close to the government) indicated that the changes will probably occur in the economy ministry and in the central government secretariat.

The secretariat is now headed by Hernan Felipe Errazuriz, who has ministerial rank but no portfolio.

U.K. police search for Hitler's paintings

WESTBURY, England, Feb. 13 (AP) — British police were searching for two paintings by Adolf Hitler left accidentally in the railroad station parking lot of this town 130 kms from London, a police spokesman said Saturday.

The unnamed water colors belong to Lord Bampf, 38, and are part of his private collection of works by Hitler kept at his stately home near Westminster, he said. Estimated to be worth between \$310 and \$465 each, one depicts a 19th-century street scene and the other a boat on a lake, according to the spokesman. He said both are signed A. Hitler.

Adam Malik backs**Korean unification**

TOKYO, Feb. 13 (AP) — Indonesian Vice President Adam Malik declared at a banquet in North Korea that Indonesians support peaceful unification of the divided Korean peninsula and that "talks cannot be successful with foreign troops present," the (North) Korean Central News Agency reported Sunday.

He was apparently referring to the continued presence of an estimated 39,000 American troops in South Korea.

"We will always support the cause of achieving reunification in a peaceful way, without interference of outside forces," Malik was quoted as saying in a dispatch from the agency monitored in Tokyo. The report said that Malik made the remarks in a speech Saturday night at a banquet given by the South Hamgyong Provincial People's Committee.

"Judging from historical experiences of the Indonesian people, talks are impossible with the enemy in one's home. Talks cannot be successful with foreign troops present," he was quoted as saying.

BRIEFS

MADRID, (AFP) — A 40-year-old mother of three has died from the toxic effects of adulterated cooking oil, official sources said Sunday. Avelio Ambres Meneoedez, who died Friday, was the 338th victim of the mass poisoning believed to be caused by consuming contaminated rapeseed oil.

CHAMPOLUC, Italy, (AP) — Three cars of a cable lift hit by strong winds tumbled onto a mountainside at this north Italian ski resort Sunday, killing eight persons and injuring four others, police said.

CAPE TOWN, (AFP) — A total of 112 persons died in South Africa's prisons last year, in addition to 100 persons hanged for criminal offenses, according to figures released here.

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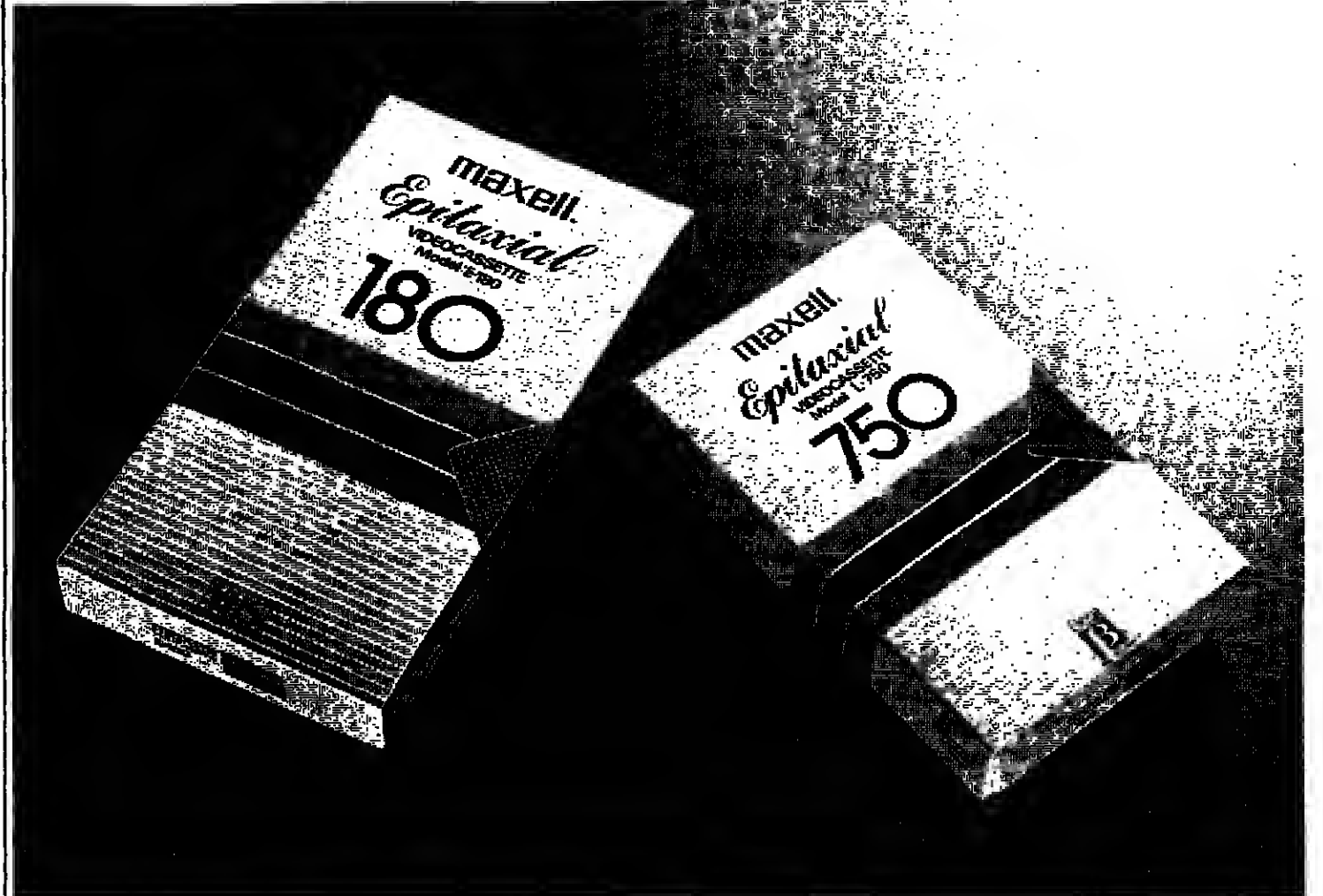
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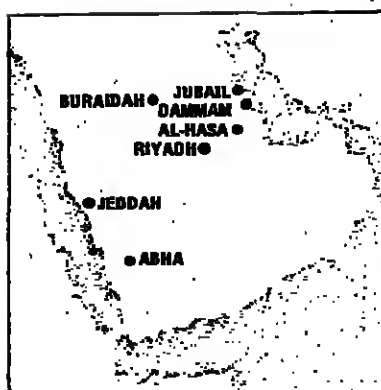
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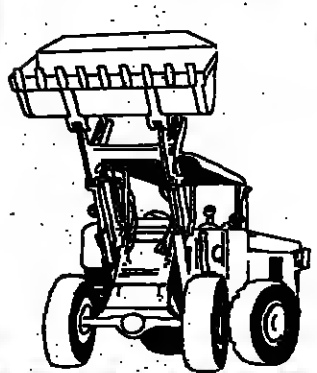
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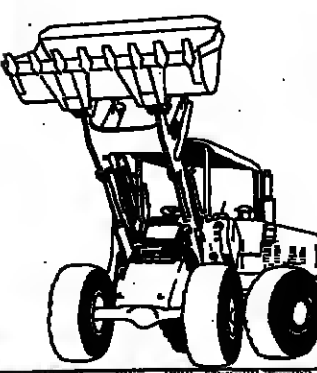
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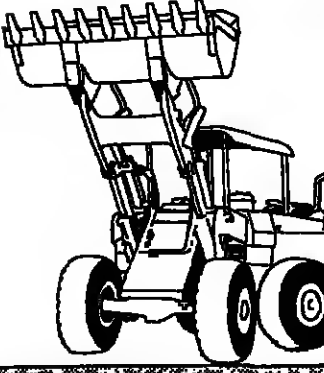
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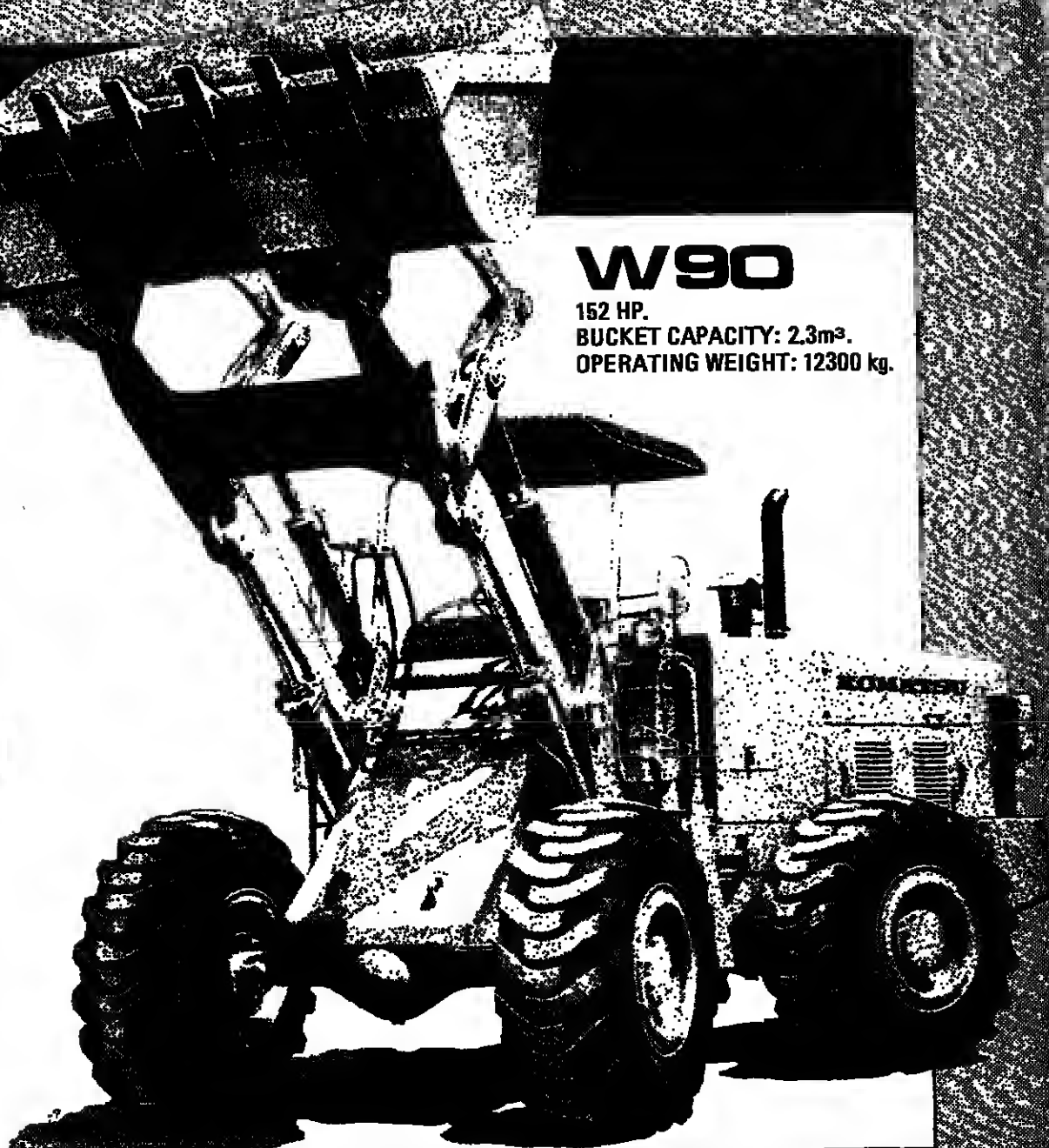
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TIME FOR PNC TO ACT

The Palestinian National Council meeting in Algeria today is arguably the most important Palestinian gathering of all time because it is intended to decide the course of action for the homeless people for many years to come.

It also comes at an extremely traumatic juncture for the people who have been hounded by Israel since 1948 and shortly after the loss of their base in Lebanon.

Palestinian forces have been scattered in several Arab countries weakening their military potential while the bulk of their force still in the Bekaa Valley is expected to be withdrawn if the Israelis agree to leave Lebanon.

It is also important because there are two peace plans which affect them deeply. There is the Arab plan agreed in Fez and there is for the first time ever an American plan promulgated by President Reagan which calls for a freeze on Israeli settlements in the occupied lands and the creation of a Palestinian 'entity' in close association with Jordan. Before Reagan there had been no American plan for the Middle East and certainly not for the Palestinians. It is a major departure and a memorable advance toward correcting part of the injustice inflicted on the Palestinians and the Arabs by U.S.-assisted Israel.

The Palestinians have had their share of misery and they have also had their share of self-inflicted wounds through internal dissensions which at times flared up into bloody conflicts. They have differed on so many matters and opted for so many divergent alliances that it is high time they called a halt to subsidiary differences and agreed on what exactly they want and how to go about getting it within the framework of existing political realities in the region.

Israel may be militarily strong, but it is politically and morally weak. And by rejecting the Reagan plan outright it has exposed itself to charges of intransigence even from the U.S. government and media. This is then a golden opportunity for the Palestinians to close their ranks and come out with a plan which they know can be implemented given the great fund of sympathy that they have collected worldwide and corner the Israelis into declaring that they have no interest in a peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

Saudi Arabian press review

The importance of the meeting of the Palestine National Council to be held Wednesday in Algeria was editorially commented on by Saudi Arabian newspapers Sunday.

Al-Nadwa expressed the hope that the meetings could emerge with practical decisions leading to recovering the Palestinian people's usurped rights. The bitter experiences faced by the Palestinian people would have big effect on the council's resolutions. It added that the council's decisions would help give a practical shape to a pan-Arab Middle East peace plan which provides for the establishment of the independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

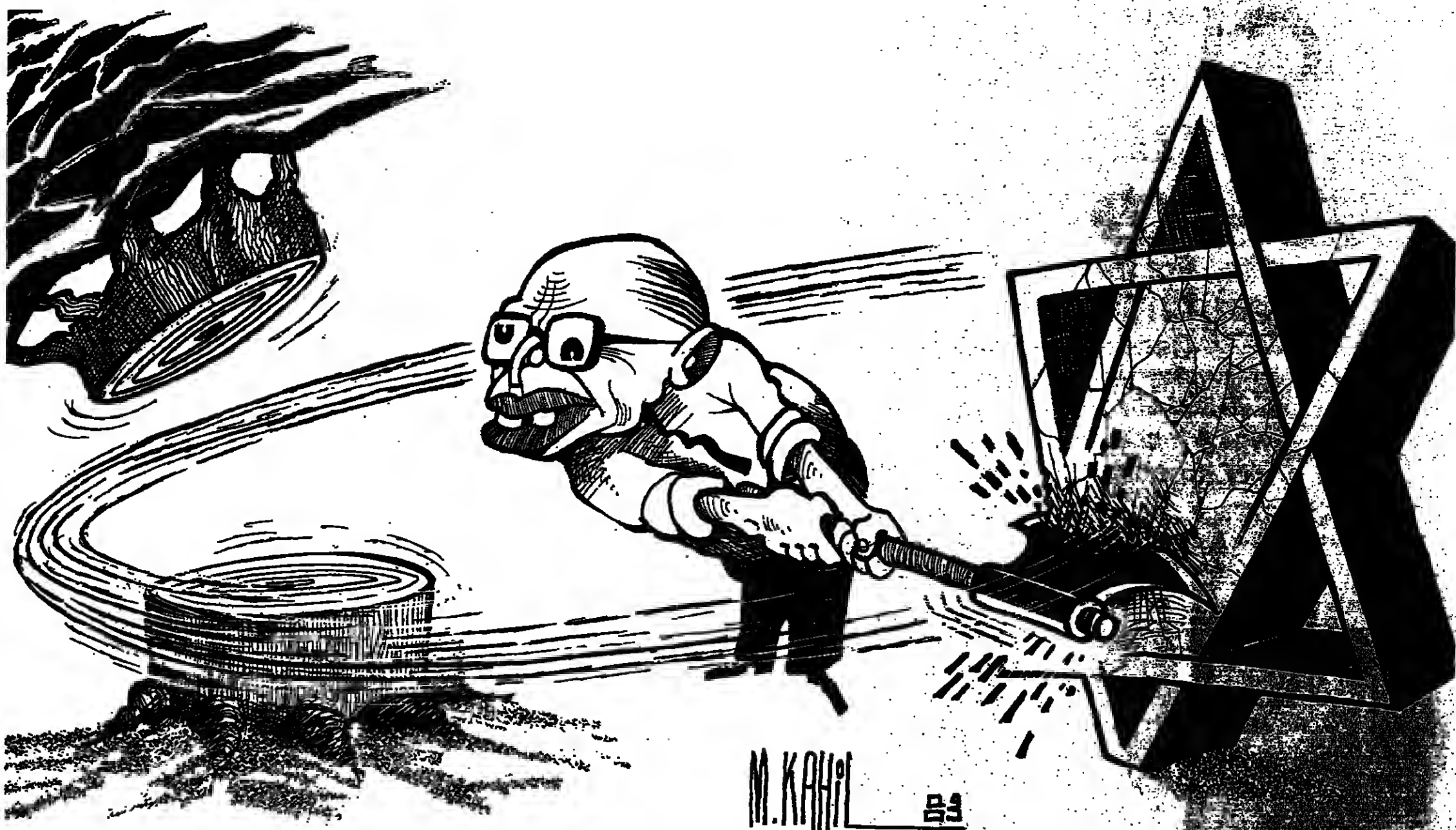
Al-Bilad said the PNC meeting "represents a new approach to deal with current Arab and international situation so as to gain

more strength for the Palestinian issue at international arena." The paper hoped that the Palestinian leaders would unify their ranks to realize their goals.

Okaz called on the council members to "emerge with resolutions representing a minimum degree of the Palestinian unanimity toward the forthcoming crucial phase in the history of the Palestinian cause."

It hoped that the council's decisions would reflect "the Palestinian people's own conviction on means of ensuring their higher interests and recovering their usurped rights."

Al-Madina warned against the continuation of the Israeli occupation of Lebanon and Zionist attempts to "foment sedition among Lebanese factions on one hand and the Palestinian and the Lebanese peoples on the other."



Mrs. Thatcher's policies rob Britain of its Mideast role

By Michael Cousins
London Bureau

LONDON — Only a year ago it seemed in Britain as if there was a possibility of real headway being made on the Palestinian-Israeli problem. More important, it looked as if Britain itself had a role to play — albeit a minor one — in helping move the Middle East peace process along. After all, British views still carry inordinate weight in the U.S. particularly amongst the American public. There was the Venice Declaration on the record saying that the PLO should be involved in all negotiations on the issue, and Lord Carrington, then foreign secretary, had not given up his dream of making peace a reality. True, he had failed to deliver the goods during his presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers in the second half of 1981. But twelve months ago it seemed only a matter of time before Britain started talking directly to the PLO at top level.

In all, Britain appeared to be moving on the whole issue in a highly constructive manner.

Now it is as if none of this had ever been. Retrenchment is the code word. There may be no "U-turns" elsewhere, but the Middle East is apparently the exception that proves the rule as far as Mrs. Thatcher is concerned.

Ever since the political demise of Lord Carrington as the first victim in the South Atlantic conflict, the prime minister appears to have forsaken the Venice Declaration. Sounding more American than the Americans, she now insists that there will be no talks with the PLO while it refuses to accept Israel or to renounce what she terms "terrorism." In fact, her stand has more to do with Northern Ireland and the experience of terrorism there than anything happening in the Middle East. Thus it was that the Arab League delegation led by King Hassan of Morocco had to postpone its scheduled visit to London to explain the decisions of the last Fez summit. Mrs. Thatcher, in her great wisdom, will have nothing to do with an Arab delegation which includes a PLO representative. It counts for nothing with her that Foreign Secretary Francis Pym had already informed King Hassan that there would be no objection to a PLO member being included provided the Washington formula was used.

Officially, of course, this is all denied in London, but few people take the denials very seriously.

Part of the difficulty is that Mrs. Thatcher has little love either for Francis Pym — who is widely expected to be replaced as foreign secretary after the election, should the Conservatives win, which is — or for the Foreign Office. Both 10 Downing Street and the Foreign Office across the road have tried to play down all the reports of a yawning

chasm between them but no one believes them. Mrs. Thatcher's decision to set up a foreign affairs advisory unit at No. 10 has done little to scotch such rumors and is seen as a dangerous precedent for the future. One only has to look at the chaos in American foreign policy during the Carter administration caused by two rival centers of power — the State Department and the National Security Council.

However, for the moment, as far as Britain's foreign policy on the Middle East is concerned, there should not be too much of a rift. The Foreign Office has always been regarded as Arabist in its sympathies, and Sir Anthony Parsons, Britain's former Ambassador in Iran and then at the U.N., and who has been appointed to the Downing Street post, is a Foreign Office man and an Arabist rolled into one.

Who will replace him in the future, however, is another matter.

The main problem, as far as the Arab League visit is concerned, is that once Mrs. Thatcher has publicly committed herself on an issue (in this case "no truck with PLO representative"), nothing is going to make her change her mind. Trying to put pressure on her only makes things worse.

One Conservative MP put it in an outburst last week, when, referring to moves to elicit government support for a particular policy, he commented that "as long as she doesn't say 'No', we'll be all right." The point is that once Mrs. Thatcher says "No" publicly, it is always "No" — all of which explains the expression currently used about her, "The lady's not for turning." Private "Noes," however, are an altogether different matter.

All the signs now are that King Hassan's delegation will never come to Britain. Both the queen and the foreign secretary are just about to go abroad, after which will be the parliamentary recess. That could well be followed by the run — up to the election. Then there is the question of time facing the mission's own members, not least King Hassan himself. It almost looks as if there will be another Arab summit before Britain may be ready to listen to what the Arab League's delegation has to say.

If that is the case it will only show how much Britain's enthusiasm for the Middle East has declined of late. Part of this, of course, due to prime ministerial backtracking on the Palestinians. Nor must one forget Mrs. Thatcher's own personal feelings. She is deeply sympathetic to Israel and it has nothing to do with electoral considerations in her East Finchley constituency, where there is a large and vocal Jewish population, although Conservative apologists when talking to Arab politicians and businessmen try and put it this way. Her personal pro-Israeli sentiments are quite real; they were clearly demonstrated during last autumn's

Conservative Party conference in Brighton when she publicly attended a lunch given by the Conservative Friends of Israel, which itself has become, of late, one of the largest pressure groups inside the party. The Conservative Middle East Council could not even scrape up a minister to attend its own reception later that day.

If the prime minister's sympathy for Israel stems in part from her knowledge of the Jewish community in her constituency — which apparently it does — it is because they appear to sum up everything she believes in; they are middle class, hard-working, often self-made businessmen with a strong family orientation. They are the model of the suburban Britain she wishes to forge.

But this personal sympathy cannot be without its effect on government policy toward the Middle East now that the countering and steady influence of Lord Carrington has been removed. Mrs. Thatcher, however, is not the only person backtracking. The Labor Party seems to be about to do the same. Having voted at its autumn conference to recognize the PLO and work for the creation of a Palestinian state, it now appears to be having second thoughts. Its manifesto, on which it will fight the election and which, in the unlikely event of its winning, would be the basis of government policy, is in preparation and the indications are that there will be no mention of either PLO or Palestinians state. Instead confidence will be expressed in the Israeli Labor party.

Such changes are, in fact, symptoms of a profound malaise affecting British thinking at the moment on the Middle East.

There is now a very deep sense of pessimism over the future of the region, both inside and outside government circles in Britain that has progressively developed as Israel's occupation of Lebanon continues. With neither the Americans prepared to put the necessary pressure on Israel to quit nor the Israeli government showing the slightest inclination to do so itself, there is fear that Israel is becoming as firmly entrenched in South Lebanon as it is in the West Bank.

Britain has, as everybody knows, nailed its colors to the Reagan initiative's mast, but like President Mubarak of Egypt who was in London last week for talks following his visit to the U.S. Whitehall feels that President Reagan has lost the initiative to see his own proposals through.

Whether this was made clear to Vice-President Bush when he passed through London last Wednesday and Thursday has not been revealed, although it is known that the Middle East — notably the McBride and Kaban reports — did crop up in his talks with Pym. His main aim, however, was to rally

European support for Washington's position in the great missile debate now raging across the continent.

As far as Britain's relations with Israel are concerned, it seems that whatever kind of treatment there ever was is now a thing of the past. An Israeli Foreign Ministry delegation, led by Yohannan Meroz, the ministry's moving Ambassador on European affairs, was in London this week after Mubarak arrived and must have been blocked by the unprecedented tough — in which British officials

have no intention of even touching upon the occupied territories. Britain, they were apparently told, was not surprised at all that its neighbors saw Israel as expansionist. It adopted military policies which it would never tolerate in others. It was stalling over Lebanon and when it talked of unconditional offers of peace talks, Britain fully comprehended why the Arabs refused since it was nothing more than a way of keeping on to the occupied territory for ever.

Normally Israeli reaction to such an unprecedented attack would be swift and bitter, but it seems that their attention has been dominated by the Kaban report and Sharon's departure from the Defense Ministry. In London, however, it almost seems as if they no longer care what the reaction is. "Time is running out for peace in the Middle East," a senior government official commented the other day. "Indeed, it may have already run out."

Such is the blank pessimism that is coloring Britain's attitude to the Middle East at the moment. If neither the Israelis nor the Americans are prepared to move, officials ask: then what can Britain do?

In fact, answers do exist. But people like Carrington are not around, and more significantly, there is an election on the horizon.

French move toward mending fences with Moscow

By Charles Bremner

PARIS — France takes a step toward mending fences with the Kremlin this week when External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson pays his first official visit to Moscow since President Francois Mitterrand took office in 1981.

Cheysson says Soviet policies over Afghanistan, Poland and nuclear arms rule out any restoration of "harmonious, intimate" relations, a reference to the privileged link forged by President Charles de Gaulle.

The minister's aides are playing down the implication of his five-day trip, which begins Wednesday, commenting that he has met Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko four times in different parts of the world.

But diplomats view the visit as a gesture of willingness by the French Socialist government to restore a level of political dialogue, broken off on Mitterrand's election in May 1981. They say the Soviet Union is far from writing off President Mitterrand and sees a potential for rapprochement with his administration.

Soviet relations with the Mitterrand administration got off to a bad start from the moment of the 1981 election because the Kremlin's long-standing suspicion of the Socialist candidate, combined with miscalculation, prompted it to favor the outgoing president, Valery Giscard d'Estaing. Many hardliners from France's staunchly pro-Soviet Communist Party are thought to have heeded the Kremlin's

advice and voted for Giscard in the run-off against Mitterrand.

After electoral defeat, the Communist Party accepted an alliance with the Socialists, finding itself in the position of belonging to a French government more hostile to the Kremlin on east-west issues than any other for more than two decades.

France came to play a pivotal role in Moscow's relations with the West after Gen. De Gaulle withdrew from the NATO command in 1966 and distanced himself from the United States. With the emergence of detente and West Germany's "Ostpolitik" in the 1970s, the relationship faded under the presidencies of Georges Pompidou and Giscard until Mitterrand declared on taking office that he would abandon the tradition of annual Franco-Soviet summits while Soviet troops remained in Afghanistan.

Mitterrand says the time is still not right but officials in Paris do not rule out the possibility of a summit with the Kremlin's new leader Yuri Andropov, before the end of the year. With the military clampdown in Poland on Dec. 13, 1981 he virtually froze relations, accusing Moscow of orchestrating events there and tracing the Polish crisis to the East bloc Communist system as a whole.

Mitterrand also spoke out against Soviet human rights policies and aligned France firmly behind the NATO decision to deploy new intermediate-range nuclear missiles in Europe to counter a build up of new Soviet weapons. Diplomats say any Franco-Soviet rapprochement would be helped by a solu-

tion at the U.S.-Soviet talks in Geneva on the medium-range missiles.

Mitterrand has made a strong distinction between political ties and economic and other relations with Moscow. This brought him into sharp conflict with Washington last year when President Reagan imposed sanctions on two French-based firms working on the Soviet natural gas pipeline through which France is due to receive substantial supplies.

Invoking national sovereignty, a watchword of French governments for the past 25 years, President Mitterrand argues that there is nothing wrong with pursuing healthy trade provided France does nothing to reinforce Soviet military potential. "No one, not even our best allies will stop us," Cheysson said last week.

Last year Moscow had a \$1.3 billion surplus in bilateral trade worth some \$400 billion, according to French figures, and Cheysson will be pressing hard for firm commitments to redress the balance during his stay in Moscow.

Paris was some satisfaction last month when Soviet Deputy Premier Gury Marchuk promised action to rectify the imbalance within two years. Marchuk, the highest Soviet official to visit Paris since 1981, was received by Mitterrand, one of a series of gestures indicating a tentative thaw in relations.

Others included a decision to go ahead with a flight by a French cosmonaut on a Soviet space mission last June, and visits at the end of last year by a Socialist parliamentary group and the ministers of industry and agriculture. (R)

Today is Monday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 1983. There are 320 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1540 — Roman Emperor, Charles V enters Ghent and executes leaders of revolt.

1663 — Canada becomes a royal province of France.

1797 — British fleet under John Jervis and Horatio Nelson defeat Spanish off Cape Saint Vincent.

1846 — Uprising in Czarow Republic spreads swiftly throughout Poland.

1893 — Hawaii is annexed by treaty to the United States.

1929 — Seven hoodlums, rivals of Al Capone gang in Chicago, Illinois, are murdered in a garage.

1943 — Soviet forces recapture Rostov from Germans in World War II.

1950 — Soviet Union and China sign 30-year treaty in Moscow.

1956 — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev denounces Stalin's policies at Soviet Communist Party conference.

1958 — Union of kingdoms of Iraq and Jordan into Arab Federation with King Faisal as head of state.

1972 — U.S. trade restrictions against China are relaxed.

1976 — Nigerian government confirms that nation's head of state, Gen. Murtala Ramat Muhammad, was assassinated at start of attempted coup d'etat.

1977 — United States says Israel's drilling for oil in Gulf of Suez offshore of territory seized from Egypt in 1967, is illegal and not helpful to Middle East peace efforts.

1979 — U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Adolph Dubois is kidnapped from his car in Kabul and is killed in shootout between his abductors and police.

1981 — Fire in Dublin, Ireland, dance hall kills at least 48 persons and injures more than 120.

Thought for today:

A lover who reasons is no lover. — Norman Douglas, English writer.

Norman Mailer defends death penalty

State has the right to punish monsters

By Michael Davis

NEW YORK — In 1967 I happened to be in Sacramento, the capital of California, when Governor Ronald Reagan denied a clemency appeal from a black murderer, Aaron Mitchell.

Only two murderers, of whom Mitchell was one, were executed in 1967 in the whole of the United States. I cannot now recall Governor Reagan's reasons for denying the appeal but I clearly remember his skill at handling some of the awkward questions put by the reporters and abolitionists who attended the press conference at which he announced his decision.

After that Reagan decision, no more murderers were executed for a decade. Then in 1977 the moratorium ended with the execution of Gary Gilmore.

Gilmore started something. Five men since then have been executed (there is only one black among the six) and the crop in the coming year is expected to rise to between 10 and 15. With the public appetite for executions growing (72 percent in favor) along with the homicide rate (24,000 a year, or 9.8 per 100,000 people, compared with the United Kingdom rate of 1.1) the return of the death

penalty has become a hot topic.

State legislatures across the nation are busy. Massachusetts has put the death penalty on the books recently, and Oregon is about to restore it. New Jersey recently became the seventh state to make "lethal injection" the method whereby executions are carried out, having been impressed, no doubt, by the example of Texas, which last December became the first state to execute anyone by means of a drug overdose.

The New Jersey Assembly, the lower house, passed the new legislation by an overwhelming majority: 49 to 12. And not even all the 12 who voted against did so because they are opposed to capital punishment. Assemblyman Villane, a dentist, voted against because it amounted, he said, "to mollycoddling vicious killers."

Why, he went on, "our own patients feel more pain getting an anesthetic than these convicted murderers, who cared little how their victims died."

Another member opposed the bill on the ground that it gives needles a bad name. "I'm very much in favor of the death penalty," he said, "but I'm against using a needle — which is used by people in hospitals and by diabetics to sustain life — as an instrument of death."

The New Jersey Medical Society objected to doctors giving lethal doses, so the Bill provides for the work to be done instead by an "execution technician." Two technicians are to be assigned in every execution. One will administer a drug and the other the death shot. Thus neither will know who is the executioner.

Looking back, there seems little doubt that the execution of Gary Gilmore, surrounded by immense publicity, released a flood of frustration and anger in the American public. Gilmore robbed and shot two men in Utah. He became a celebrity partly because he was the first person to be executed for a decade, partly because he demanded his own execution. He wanted to be shot, and he was shot.

He became a still greater celebrity after he was dead. Norman Mailer wrote a very long book about him, *The Executioner's Song*, based on some 300 interviews, that won a Pulitzer prize. Professor Christopher Ricks of Oxford, a critic who's opinion can never be ignored, called it "a work of genius."

Then Mailer wrote the script for a film of the same name that went out on national television, in two parts, last November. Not everyone liked the show, but NBC loved the ratings.

I found Mailer on the pavement outside his house in Brooklyn Heights, directly across the East River from Manhattan. He has just turned 60, and given his six wives, eight children, innumerable books, fights, two Pulitzer prizes, three films, his candidacy for the mayor of New York and the hostility of the nation's feminists, who find him insupportably macho, he looks very good.

He was wearing a short blue down coat against the icy wind, corduroy trousers, and gym shoes. With his hands thrust deep into his coat pockets, his barrel chest, his unruly mop of gray hair, he looked like the boss of a construction company.

He is still working hard. His latest novel, a huge epic about ancient Egypt, is to be published in the spring. He is quite unlike any conventional literary figure. Indeed he is not literary at all, rarely reading anyone else's books.

He probes about in the American soul, writing about the U.S. Army, Hollywood, Vietnam, boxing, assassins, murderers, Marilyn Monroe, the sort of things a Brooklyn cab driver would write about if he had the knack. He has his ups and downs, but at his best there are few people to touch him as a guide to the American psyche.

We went inside and Mailer said he was surprised by the new trend. He had thought the execution of Gilmore would have ended, not started, something. One would have thought so, too. It would be hard to read Mailer's book and retain one's enthusiasm for the death penalty.

He said he was sure the film must have affected the attitudes of the multi-million who saw it. The man who made the film, Lawrence Schiller, witnessed the shooting of Gilmore by a four-man prison firing squad. "When I saw the execution scene I said to Schiller, 'You've made the prison look like a hospital.' But in a funny way it has a double effect. It's surrealistic, as if the surgeons in a hospital are about to operate on a patient to save his life and then suddenly take out guns and kill him."

"I found the scene truly shocking. The legal system functions rationally most of the time in this country. Then at certain times, as with Gilmore, it's as if everyone has to go mad to accomplish the purposes of the law."

I had supposed, while Mailer was saying this, that he became involved in the Gilmore case because he opposed capital punishment and was using his literary talent to further the campaign, like Arthur Koestler. I was wrong. He got into the Gilmore story not because of the death penalty but because he is interested in psychopaths. (His interest has not been dampened by the episode of Jack Abbott, a convict who Mailer and some associates gut-punched and who then killed a man.)

"For years I've been thinking of writing a piece called 'The Saint and the Psychopath.' Criminals and saints have much in common. The present is vastly more important to them than the past or future."

"Most people sometimes go into neutral in the present, looking to the past for some kind of guidance, and treating the present as merely a place on the road from there to the beyond. For the psychopath the present is all important. Everything depends on what you do next. The same is true of saints."

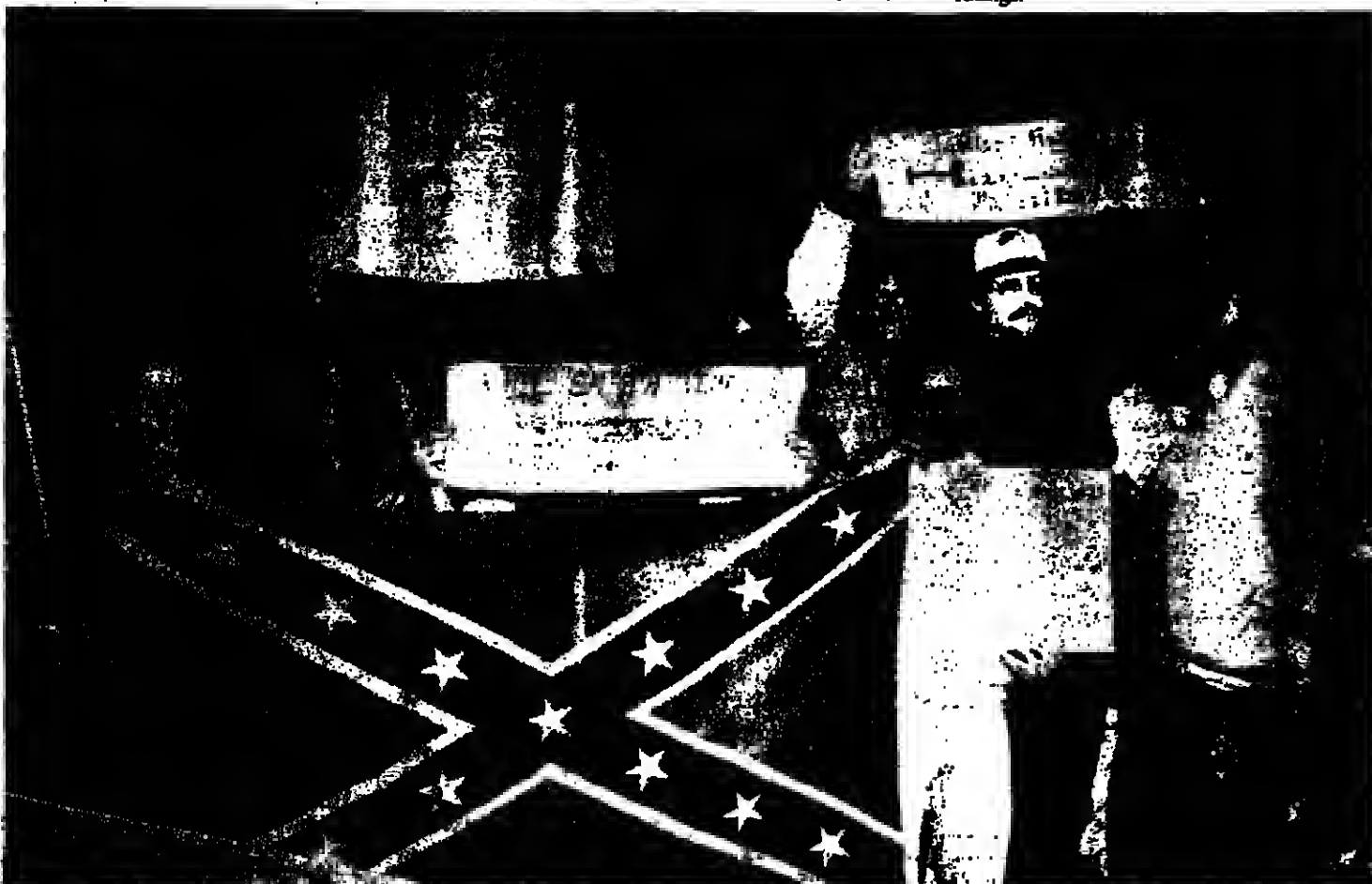
But was Gilmore exceptional? "I've had letters from 100 men who were killers, over the years. I never met Gilmore but I've read all those letters, listened to all those tapes, interviewed all those people. He was exceptional in certain ways. He truly had a philosophical turn of mind. He had a logical system and was prepared to act upon it."

And what about America and the new revival of the death penalty that the Gilmore execution had sparked off. Mailer said he had never been able to make up his mind about the death penalty. It was impossible to know what effect it had.

"I have mixed feelings. I'm not sure I know. Maybe there's a certain amount of cruelty in society that has to be expressed or you get something much worse."

Maybe the real question with capital punishment is: How much. If it's a thousand executions per year, that's not good at all. But if you take away from society the right to use the final punishment against monsters of violence, you may be paying too great a price. That man who killed 33 boys. I don't know. I think that if I were on a jury I'd consider that maybe he'd used up his human possibilities at that point."

But did he think the death penalty was a deterrent, which was the only argument in favor of it that I'd heard, until I heard Mailer's. No, he certainly did not. "For every one who's frightened away, two rise up who would see society's hope of deterring them as an assault on their courage. Their murderers' impulses would be intensified. No one is more respected in prison than a murderer."



DEMONSTRATION: Pro-execution demonstrators in Huntsville, Texas, hold demonstrators outside the house where the convicted murderer Charles Brooks was put to death by injection last July.

The real nature of U.S.-Canada ties

By Stanley Meisler

TORONTO — (LAT) — Whenever a president of the United States and a prime minister of Canada meet in public, the pomp and ceremony overflow with smiles, professions of good will and lots of talk about the thousands of miles of undefended border between the two friendly nations.

According to a recent book, however, a more realistic picture of "the special relationship" between the leaders of the United States and Canada came at Camp David in 1965 when President Lyndon B. Johnson, angry about an anti-Vietnam War speech made by Prime Minister Lester Pearson at a U.S. university, pushed the Canadian against a porch railing, grabbed him by the shirt collar, lifted him up and shouted, "you pissed on my rug."

That kind of pushing around is not going on between President Reagan and Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau these days, but the book has little positive to say about their relationship, either. The author, former Washington correspondent Lawrence Martin of the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, writes that, at their first meeting, "Trudeau was discovering... that some of his suspicions about the man's (Reagan's) ability were accurate." President Reagan's views on the Middle East, according to Martin, seemed to sound so simplistic that "Canadians present practically dropped their jaws in amazement."

"Many Canadians," Martin went on, "considered him the most uninformed and shallow man to occupy the Oval Office in decades." Martin's account flies in the face of the

insistence by both the U.S. Embassy and the prime minister's office in Ottawa that, despite the different styles and intellectual tastes of the two men, Reagan and Trudeau get along surprisingly well.

Discussing his book in a phone conversation, Martin stuck to his assessment, contending that there is always "this concerted effort to give a good gloss to the whole relationship" between an American president and a Canadian prime minister. After Johnson abused Pearson at their Camp David meeting in 1965, he said the two men held a news conference in which the president described their meeting as "a friendly one" and the prime minister called it "a very pleasant couple of hours."

Martin's books, *The Presidents and the Prime Ministers* is one of two published in Canada recently that shatters any illusion that relations between the two countries have long been warm and free of tension. The second book is *Canada and the Reagan Challenge*, by Stephen Clarkson, a professor of political economy at the University of Toronto. He contends that the confrontation between the Reagan administration and the Trudeau government over nationalist Canadian economic policies in the last two years was "the most acute crisis in the Canadian-American relationship in living memory."

The two books have been described by Michael Valpy, political columnist of the *Globe and Mail*, as "wretchedly gloomy" about U.S.-Canadian relations. The books seem to reflect renewed concern among Canadian intellectuals about the difficulties

of dealing with their powerful, dominating and often heedless neighbor.

Martin, commenting on his book, published in the United States in January, said that one thing was clear from his research: "Whenever the two leaders get along, the two countries get along." Yet, for more than two decades, he said, the presidents and prime ministers have not been compatible, either for personal or philosophical reasons. "If you had both John F. Kennedy and Trudeau in office now," he said, "things might be better."

The book, which is a history of the relations between the 23 presidents and the 16 prime ministers since the confederation of Canada in 1867, makes it clear that Kennedy and Prime Minister John W. Diefenbaker had the most difficult time of it. They detested each other, and Martin describes their relationship as "a mutual loathe-in."

Diefenbaker, according to Martin, "was suspicious of his (Kennedy's) wealth, youth and arrogance" and "feared that his own star was being eclipsed by Kennedy's." Kennedy, in turn, "found Diefenbaker insincere, and did not like or trust him." On top of this, writes Martin, "Kennedy, with all his style and savoirfaire, had decided that John Diefenbaker was boring."

Their personal relations were not eased when Kennedy mispronounced Diefenbaker's name and publicly made fun of the prime minister's woeful attempts to speak French. Matters came to a head during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis when Diefenbaker refused to accept Kennedy's word that the Soviet Union had installed offensive missiles on the island.

Another Look

Bad year for Widget Co.

By Robert Younkum

Continental Grummet, Widget, and Corset Clasp Company had a bad 1982, as did most American businesses, but the year would have been a lot worse had it not been for friends in high places. The year-end report to employees from L. Milbourne Grantley III tells the story:

"Once again I would like to extend my warmest personal greetings to Continental employees for the New Year. In writing this letter, as most of you know, I am maintaining a tradition established by my grandfather, the revered founder of this firm."

"It saddens me deeply to realize that we will be mailing 278 fewer letters this year because of layoffs in the last week of December. It hasn't been a kind year for those of us at the head of Continental, either. Indeed, it hasn't been a kind year for the leaders of American business generally."

"We must resist the temptation to blame those at the top, whether of industry or the nation itself. They are doing all they can to put economy to rights. As President Reagan has said, we are paying for the short-sighted and socialist programs of previous administrations. And, as you know, 'Rome was not built in a day.'"

"Like President Reagan, this company has been subjected to increasing criticism from those who do not wish us well. I shall cite but five examples:

"1. Some people — and, I am ashamed to say, some unidentified people within the very walls of Continental — have tried to give a sinister interpretation to donations by our company to certain political action committees, and in particular Widgepac, Claspac, and Grumpac."



"The press has blown out of all proportion the alleged link between these PACs and the votes of congressmen in support of legislation favored by this firm. Some Continental employees told reporters that they were pressured into giving money to candidates they didn't like. (We expect to locate these malcontents through the use of voluntary lie detector tests and give them a chance to work in a place where they can support socialism openly.)"

"In any case, I am pleased to report that so-called 'reforms' of campaign fund laws, which would seriously limit the amount we can give to pro-American congressmen, are expected to fail."

"2. Newspaper headlines like 'Judge calls Continental worst price-fixer' reflected the continuing hostility of the press and the judiciary toward Continental and 'the American Way of Life.' True, we were again fined for consulting secretly with other manufacturers of grummetts, widgets, and corset clasps in order to maintain a profitable price level, but that could happen to any business. Everyone does it."

"3. Defective products and misleading advertising — those were the baseless charges leveled against us by the ultra-liberal Federal Trade Commission under the Carter administration. I am pleased to say that those charges have been dropped, thanks to help from our friends in Congress and thanks to the appointment by President Reagan of 'friendly faces' on the FTC."

"The civil lawsuits, unfortunately, continue."

"4. We have also been harassed by malicious elements in government over alleged violations of so-called health and safety regulations, which were imposed on us by creeping socialists over recent decades. Accidents, as the expression goes, will happen. But you wouldn't know it from accusations made against our company by boneheaded bureaucrats in Washington."

"Here again our friends in Congress and the White House have come to our aid. All federal fines have been lifted. We are, however, still being picketed by injured workers and their relatives."

"5. Finally, we have been plagued with lawsuits that allege discriminatory hiring practices. But all you have to do is look around to see how idiotic such charges are. I, for example, am an Episcopalian. My brother, executive vice president, is a Catholic. My brother-in-law, our treasurer, is nearly half Jewish. Fully 50 percent of our employees are women. True, no women have yet reached management level, but that is "just a question of time." The same is true of other Continental employees of a minority persuasion."

"With this eventful year behind us we look forward to a prosperous New Year. Knowing that we enjoy the support of all, or nearly all, Continental Grummet, Widget, and Corset Clasp employees, and also of a friendly administration in Washington, we are determined to 'stay the course' in 1983. Sincerely, L. Milbourne Grantley III."



OVERCOMING INFERTILITY

By Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Would you believe it? Impending divorce simply because my husband refuses to have an examination? We've been married three years. For the past two we've been trying to have a baby. We both love children and plan on having at least four. But so far, no luck. I decided to do something about it. I've had an examination by a gynecologist. He finds that my tubes are normal and discovered no other reason why I couldn't become pregnant. He suggested that my husband have an examination, too. But, he refuses. He says that he's not impotent, so there's nothing wrong with him. I've told him that if he doesn't care enough about our marriage to cooperate, that divorce is the only solution. He's still stubborn about it. What shall I do? — Mrs. D.

Dear Mr. D.: I can't take any pro-con stand on whether or not you should have a divorce. That should be resolved between you and your husband. However, there must be some satisfaction in knowing that you've done your best and have tried to solve the problem. I'll say this directly to your husband: Mr. D., many men have the mistaken idea that their fertility is in direct proportion to their ability to perform the sexual act. If you love children — and your wife — you'll agree that as a partner in marriage you've reneged by refusing to have an examination. I suggest that you make an appointment. Simple tests will show whether or not your infertility (if present) can be helped. To your surprise, you may discover that both you and your wife are fertile. I've known many healthy couples who had a baby after trying more years than two.

MEDICAL LETTERS

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Treatments certainly do change. When I was a kid and cut myself or had any other wound, doctors would reach for the iodine bottle and pour it on. It would hurt so, many times I didn't let on that I had cut myself. But where's the iodine today? You don't find it in any home medicine cabinet. Why? — Mr. B.

Dear Mr. B.: Tincture of iodine has been replaced by more effective and less painful drugs. In many instances, use of iodine on a wound aggravates it because it harms the underlying tissues.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: My 9-year-old son has a hernia. The surgeon warns that although the operation may be successful, there's always the possibility that a hernia may become a problem on the other side. Question: Is this reason enough to wait a few years? Then, if he has had a double hernia, operation can be performed to take care of the "double" problem. — Mr. N.

Dear Mr. N.: If your doctors believe operation should be performed now, better not put it off. Although it's true that there's always the chance that a hernia will appear on the other side. Why gamble with what needs to be done right now? The older your son becomes, the less likely he will have a hernia on the other side. If he were 2-4 years of age he would have a 50 percent likelihood of having another hernia. But past the age 10-15, the likelihood is only one in three. Often we need to forget about statistics and do what has to be done in the present — and not worry about the future.

(Tomorrow: To tell the truth)

SELF-SERVICING

WRITTEN & DRAWN BY BILL CALDWELL

CHECKING UNDERNEATH FOR LEAKS

ONE WELL-TRIED METHOD FOR KEEPING AN EYE OPEN FOR LEAKS IS TO KEEP THE GARAGE FLOOR SPOTLESSLY CLEAN; THEN ANY OVERNIGHT DRIPS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY MADE OBVIOUS.

THIS IS FINE BUT A REGULAR SYSTEMATIC CHECK IS BETTER. AND IF YOU HAVE AN INSPECTION PIT, AXLE STANDS OR A FRIENDLY LOCAL GARAGE, HERE ARE THE CHECKS TO MAKE EVERY TIME.

REAR AXLE
LOOK FOR LEAKS AT THE DRAIN PLUG AND ROUND THE CASING.

HALF SHAFT A LOT OF OIL ROUND THE BRAKE BACK PLATE CAN MEAN FAULTY OIL SEAL.

BRAKES CHECK FROM EACH BACK PLATE ALL ALONG LINES TO THE MASTER CYLINDER.

EXHAUST WITH ENGINE RUNNING, RUN HAND ALONG FEELING FOR LEAKS (BUT WITHOUT TOUCHING).

ENGINE SUMP AND OIL FILTER. LOOK AT SUMP FLANGE DRAIN PLUG AND ROUND OIL FILTER BOWL.

CLUTCH CHECK FLYWHEEL AND GEARBOX OIL SEALS.

DAMPER CHECK FOR FLUID LEAKS

FUEL TANK, LINES AND FUEL PUMP CHECK

RADIATOR LOOK FOR DAMAGED SEAMS, FAULTY DRAIN TAP OR PLUG.

CRANKSHAFT PULLEY LOOK FOR OIL HERE WHICH WOULD MEAN A FAULTY SEAL.

STEERING RACK LOOK FOR SPLITS IN THE RUBBER BOOTS LEAVING THEM LEAKING OR EMPTY OF OIL.

As Regan stays optimistic

Experts doubt force of American upturn

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Agencies) — The U.S. economy is moving out of the recession, and that is official — but many experts are less sure about the strength of the recovery.

The optimistic line was taken last week by U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan before finance ministers attending a meeting of the interim committee of the International Monetary Fund.

However, Regan did acknowledge that the precise extent of the upturn remains a debatable question. It is generally recognized that any improvement in the U.S. economy can only help the rest of the world to emerge from recession, but while there have been many signs of a marked improvement in the United States in recent weeks, several economists believe it is too soon to announce that the upturn is here to stay.

Regan based his comments on the following: The composite index for the economy has improved in recent months, and showed a 1.5 percent increase in December, the biggest monthly rise for two years.

Unemployment has fallen from 10.8 percent of the work force in December to 10.4 percent in January, although economists in the administration say the real fall was less than this because the system of calculation was changed in January.

There has been a marked improvement in the key sectors of the construction and auto industries. U.S. auto manufacturers produced 40 percent more vehicles in January this year than they did 12 months earlier.

Industries' order books grew by 4.8 percent in December while stocks were depleted, although official figures indicated

that military orders were mainly responsible. — A monthly report by industrial organizations said that the industrial outlook improved in January, with an improvement in order books since June and a slower rate of reduction in employment.

Retail sales continue to be satisfactory while consumer credit has picked up by nine percent at an annual rate in November and 7.7 percent in December, reflecting mainly increased auto purchases.

Regan believes the improvement will be slow and moderate, and that there can be no question of trying to stimulate it as this could generate inflation. The administration holds that this would be particularly true of so-called anti-unemployment programs sought by some members of Congress.

The administration is forecasting a 1.4 percent increase in gross national product this year, with an increase of 3.1 percent in the rate of growth for the last quarter, compared with the last quarter of 1982.

Meanwhile, the congressional budget bureau expects that the upturn will be stronger than expected.

But both official and independent experts agree that any upturn will be fragile if interest rates remain high.

Regan has said that there can be sustained improvement in the economy only if interest rates particularly long-term rates, fall another two percentage points.

But some experts have warned that the administration's expected calls on the capital market to help finance record budget deficits of \$200 billion a year, is likely to put upward pressure on interest rates.

N-waste dumping at sea opposed

LONDON, Feb. 13 (AFP) — The world's maritime nations will be faced with strong pressure from conservationist groups to ban the dumping of radioactive waste at sea when the London Dumping Convention (LDC) meets here next week.

The annual meeting of the convention will run from Monday to Friday. It is being organized by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) — the erstwhile inter-governmental maritime consultative organization.

The convention will be considering a proposal from Spain and two Pacific islands, Nauru and Kiribati (formerly the Gilbert and Ellice Islands), to ban the dumping of all nuclear waste at sea.

Britain will propose that the dumping of low-grade nuclear waste still be permitted, but will oppose the disposal at sea of highly active nuclear waste, an IMO spokesman said.

The LDC, now meeting for the seventh time, was formed specifically in order to stop the dumping of poison or harmful waste at sea.

Czechoslovakia, Egypt view trade

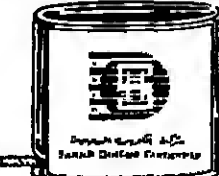
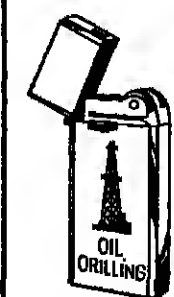
CAIRO, Feb. 13 (R) — Czechoslovakia's minister of foreign trade, Bohumil Erba, held talks with two Egyptian ministers on trade between the two countries and possible Czechoslovak assistance to Egypt's five-year development plan.

Erba, who arrived Thursday for five days of talks with Egyptian officials, met Minister of Economy Mustafa Al-Said and Minister of Investment and International Cooperation Wajih Shindi.

The official Middle East News Agency (MENA) quoted Shindi as saying he discussed with his East European guest Egypt's needs of Czechoslovak timber and farm equipment imports. Egyptian sales of cotton and leather products to Czechoslovakia were also discussed, MENA said.

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Weekly commodities

Metal prices move in tandem as gold rises

LONDON, Feb. 13 (AFP) — Gold turned sharply firmer this week, bringing late gains to other precious and base metals, on fears concerning the effect on the world's fragile banking system of the widely-expected cut in the oil price.

Gas-oil itself dropped sharply, but recovered from the worst. Elsewhere, cocoa rallied after a great shake out and coffee was firmer. Rubber gained ground steadily throughout the week. Bradford wooltops reached new record levels and cotton edged up again.

The revival in buying confidence was encouraged by the stated belief of United States Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker that U.S. interest rates will continue to decline.

Earlier in the week, sterling's firmer trend against the U.S. dollar had tended to dampen speculative interest in the markets.

Gold: Irregular. Early falls followed talk that the International Monetary Fund may be ready to sell gold over the next two years to provide funds for developing countries. Futures moved down in sympathy. Lower Eurodollar rates brought a mid-week rally, but there was not a great deal of support for the upward move.

Prices then moved up close to last week's

21-month highs in company with the strong rise in New York and Zurich. The move reflected the foreign exchange weakness of the U.S. dollar. The futures recovered firmly in unison, but trading slowed down noticeably as prices hardened.

Copper: Irregular. Early gains were triggered by the 18th successive weekly rise in stocks (up 6,825 tons to 286,325 tons — the highest since March 1979). Holdings have now more than doubled since September.

A subsequent rally was attributed to reports that Peruvian miners had stopped work again, albeit only for a day or two, and predictions from the United States of a possible strike among U.S. copper miners over wage contracts due for renewal at the end of June. Profit-taking was absorbed by late buying.

Tin: Steady. There was little change throughout the week. The buffer stock manager of the tin council gave buying support where necessary. Little impression was caused by the rise in the Penang market — the first time prices there have picked up from the floor level of the International Tin Agreement since November. Prices have been hovering close to the floor since last June.

Lead: Dull. Trading remained restricted,

with prices barely steady although they finished above their worst. Stocks rose by 1,525 tons to a record 134,825 tons.

Zinc: Irregular. The market turned a little firmer after comments from West Germany that prices would start rising again in the second quarter. But it eased back before being given a final boost by gold. Australian Mining and Smelting refused to comment on speculation in parliament here that it might close its zinc smelter at Avonmouth, near Bristol in west England — Britain's largest. Stocks rose by just 200 tons to 91,300 tons.

Silver: Irregular. Prices fell back quickly in early trading from last week's two and a half year highs. The slide followed the decline in New York and came despite the sharp reduction in stocks (down 1,690,000 ounces to 34,420,000 ounces).

Aluminum: Firmer. Prices eventually touched their highest in two and a half years after another fluctuating week.

Nickel: Firmer. Initial falls following the 336-ton rise in stocks to 8,100 tons, the highest since May 1980. But the losses were later recouped as the market waited further developments into the inquiry by the European Economic Community (EEC) into Soviet dumping.

Population to double in 50 years

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 13 (AFP) — The world's population will more than double to 10 billion people in 50 years, with the Third World accounting for 90 percent of the new mouths to feed.

This warning was issued at a conference here on "regulating human fertility" by Carl Wahren, the Swedish secretary-general of the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

Wahren forecast that the yearly increase in the world's population will jump from 75 million at present to 95 million people by the year 2000. The world's current population is estimated at 4.6 billion.

Wahren's study, which was carried out in about 100 countries, suggested that the vigorous family planning efforts undertaken by many Third World nations were having little effect.

For example, Indonesia's population grew by three million in 1981. Kenya's population growth rate remains among the world's highest at four percent annually despite a voluntary birth control program.

The world's average annual population increase is 1.7 percent. Kenya's population is expected to grow from 15 million to 30 million in less than 20 years.

Andree Audibert, an expert of the French Foreign Ministry, pointed out that: "In many countries, having many children is a way to be socially respected."

A world fertility survey in 1980 showed that one out of every three women and their

spouses who want no more children fail to use contraceptives. Thirty of the 126 countries studied have no family planning programs, and 400 million women have no protection against pregnancy.

A survey of 15 countries showed that 30 percent of the mothers interviewed did not want their last pregnancy.

If these women had used contraception to prevent the birth of their last child, the population growth for the 15 countries would have been 1.3 percent instead of 2.2 percent.

Out of 900 million couples, only 270 million use birth control measures, the Stockholm conference was told.

Nepal has an ambitious family planning program, yet only 22 percent of the women there have heard of birth control and only four percent practice it.

The 120 birth control specialists from 40 countries who met in Stockholm called for more foreign aid for birth control in Third World countries.

306,824 Hong Kong residents visit Taipei

HONG KONG, Feb. 13 (CNA) — Taiwan, island province of the Republic of China, ranks at the top among countries in the world the Hong Kong people visited last year, according to the latest statistics released by the Hong Kong Tourist Association.

Altogether, 306,824 Hong Kong residents visited Taiwan in 1982, representing 27 percent of the total number traveling abroad.

Soviets debate economic issues

MOSCOW, Feb. 13 (AP) — The ruling Politburo was briefed on Soviet and East bloc economic issues at its regular meeting, the official news agency Tass has said.

Premier Nikolai Tikhonov reported on steps taken to implement proposals of the last Communist Party congress, in February 1981, and to solve "a number of other major economic problems" identified by congress, Tass said.

It listed the problems as improving management, speeding up the application of scientific and technological processes and "enhancing the role" of the various Soviet republics and regions in meeting requirements of the people.

Tass said "perfection and deepening of the economic, scientific and technological cooperation" of the 19 countries belonging to the Soviet-led Council of Mutual Economic Assistance was also discussed. The council, comprised of Eastern Europe states plus Cuba, Vietnam and Mongolia, is believed to be preparing for a summit sometime this spring.

Since Yuri V. Andropov took over as head of the Communist Party following the death in November of Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet press has been regularly reporting Politburo meetings. Although few details of the top leadership's discussions are made available, the new pattern is a striking contrast to previous traditions.

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As revenue dropped by 8%

Polish economy took turn for worse in '82

WARSAW, Feb. 13 (AFP) — Official figures published here this weekend show that the Polish economy continued to deteriorate in 1982 when national revenue fell by eight percent, agricultural output by 4.5 percent and industrial production by two percent, compared with 1981.

In addition there was a fall of some 30 percent in personal purchasing power. The figures, by the Central Statistical Office, also showed that extraction industries, mainly coal mining, increased output by 11 percent, but light industry and processing industries turned out less.

In advanced technology, including household goods, electronics and autos, a sector heavily dependent on parts from the West, output was sharply down.

Production of tape recorders fell by 35 percent, radios 12 percent, televisions 24.5 percent, washing machines 25 percent, cars 4.5 percent, and heavy lorries 11.5 percent.

U.K. watermen spell out terms

LONDON, Feb. 13 (AP) — The leader of the largest union involved in the strike of Britain's 29,000 water and sewerage workers said Saturday that unions would agree to submit their claims to an "independent inquiry," but not to binding arbitration to settle the 20-day-old wage dispute.

"The sooner the inquiry is established, the sooner the dispute will be over," said David Bassett, general secretary of the General Municipal and Boilermakers' Union. He said the strike and the break-down of negotiations were attributable to "ministerial interference and ineptitudes."

Environment Secretary Tom King warned Thursday that unless a solution was reached, the government would use troops to maintain water supplies and sewerage. He urged unions to join the water council in accepting

This situation is reflected by a surplus on the trade balance explained by a sharp cut-back in imports from the West.

In the agricultural sector, grain output rose by seven percent last year, but potato production was 25 percent down, while output of beetroot fell by five percent.

The livestock sector declined by 5.8 percent because of heavy slaughtering which has resulted in spectacular increases in meat production — 116 percent in the case of veal for example.

Personal buying power fell by about 30 percent in the context of price rises of 100.2 percent and average wage increases of 50.7 percent.

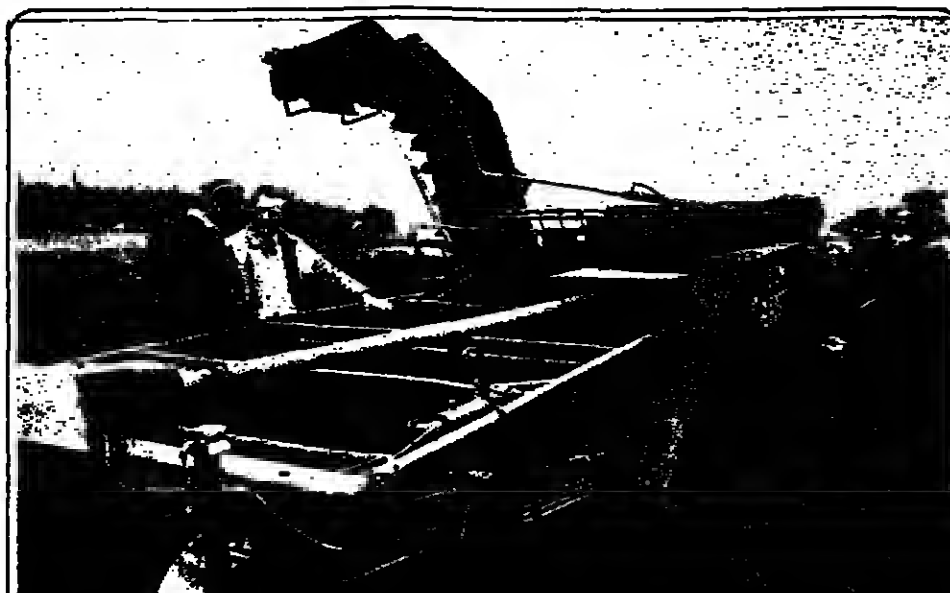
This trend, which has hit the worst off hardest and largely explains why shop shelves carry better stocks than before, has meant that retail sales fell by 17 percent, and food sales by 16 percent.

arbitration by an independent mediator whose decision would bind both sides.

The National Water Council has warned that freezing weather could speed the deterioration of the Britain's water and sewer systems, but negotiators who broke off talks Wednesday have decided to "cool off" over the weekend and restart talks Monday.

The strikers are demanding a 15 percent raise on their average weekly earnings of 136 pounds (\$210.80). They have refused an offer of 7.3 percent.

An estimated 7.5 million homes in Wales and remote areas are advised to boil their water, while 50,000 homes are without running water because burst water mains have gone unrepaired. Water supply and sewerage in cities has not been greatly affected so far.



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Disbursed \$ 485.9m in '82

OPEC fund talks open today

VIENNA, Feb. 13 (R) — OPEC finance ministers meet in Vienna Monday to discuss how much the oil organization, faced with lower petroleum exports and prices, can afford to provide in future aid to the world's poorer countries.

The OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) Fund for International Development paid out financial aid totaling \$485.9 million last year, a record for the organization.

The fund's 1982 report, released last Friday, said: "Such expansion cannot be sustained if the financial position of OPEC countries and their ability to give continue to suffer as a result of lower oil exports and prices." However, the fund's director general, Ibrahim Shihata, told reporters it had enough resources to maintain 1982's performances for the next two years.

Shihata said aid to developing countries

from OPEC was not compensation for higher oil prices. "It is a matter of sharing wealth with those you feel affinity for," he said.

OPEC members consider themselves to be developing countries. But poorer countries in the Third World were particularly hard hit by rising oil prices in the 1970s.

The development fund's resources come from members' contributions and earnings on its own capital. It has paid out in the last six years \$620 million to support the payment balances of poor countries and \$347 million for financing development projects mainly in the transport and energy fields.

The fund also supports the International Fund for Agricultural Development, for which it has paid \$530 million.

During their one-day meeting, the finance ministers of OPEC's 13-member states will discuss the fund's capital resources, present and future, and determine how levels of aid could be maintained, Shihata said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 4:00 p.m. Saturday	Gold	Transfer
Baharini Dinar	9.20	9.14
Bangladesh Taka	14.20	14.07
Belgian Franc (1,000)		72.95
Canadian Dollar		2.82
Denmark Mark (100)	143.00	142.67
Dutch Guilder (100)	130.00	129.43
Egyptian Pound	3.15	3.12
East German Mark (100)	93.75	93.75
French Franc (100)	51.00	50.55
Greek Drachma (1,000)	37.50	41.75
Indian Rupee (100)		34.80
Irish Dollar		4.80
Italian Lira (10,000)	25.20	24.95
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	14.70
Jordanian Dinar	9.75	9.69
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.88	11.83
Libyan Lira (100)	87.50	86.60
Moroccan Dirham (100)	52.50	54.36
Pakistan Rupee (100)	28.10	26.56
Philippine Peso (100)		36.93
Portuguese Escudo (100)	5.34	5.29
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.56	94.60
Singapore Dollar (100)		167.10
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		26.93
Swiss Franc (100)	172.00	171.33
Syrian Lira (100)	61.75	61.75
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Libya, UAE discuss oil prices

ABU DHABI, Feb. 13 (R) — Libyan Oil Minister Kamel Hassan Al-Maqhour Sunday consulted United Arab Emirates (UAE) officials on ways to head off a potential oil price crash, informed oil sources said.

The Libyan minister was said to be carrying a message from Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, who wants emergency OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) talks on sharing out the glutted oil market.

On Saturday night the Libyan minister had talks with UAE Oil Minister Mana Said Al-Oteiba on the proposed emergency OPEC meeting, the sources said.

Al-Maqhour flew to Abu Dhabi Saturday from Qatar, where he delivered a message from Col. Qaddafi to the emir, Sheikh Khalifa, ibn Hamad Al-Thani. World oil prices have been at risk of collapse since oil ministers failed to crisis talks in Geneva last month to divide output quotas. Traders expect a cut of about \$4 a barrel soon in OPEC's \$34 reference price.

Financial Roundup

Riyal rates remain stable

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 13 — The closure of the European markets ensured that the local markets and the Bahrain based OBU's — offshore banking units — were relatively inactive. Riyal deposit rates were generally stable and there were little movements registered in the long-dated funds which remained at the 8 1/2 - 9 percent levels for the one-year level.

In the short-dated funds riyal deposit rates were more fluctuating around the 6 1/2 - 7 1/4 percent level, although the week-fixed deposit fell back to 6 1/4 - 7 percent Saturday from 7 1/4 percent Thursday closing levels.

The money markets were generally pleased that the riyal deposit rates have

remained steady and that the weekend confusion experienced by the European and U.S. money markets has not spilled into the domestic markets. Dealing is still concentrated on the shorter end of the market and money market operators feel that the present rate structure will be maintained despite an uncertain future for dollar interest rates following an inconclusive two-day meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee.

On the exchanges, spot riyal / dollar rates opened at the 3.4398-06 level and remained around this pricing for most of the day. Most dealing was of a commercial nature and inter-bank deals were virtually non-existent as the markets awaited to see how the European hours opened Monday.

U.S. attitude toward lending changes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (R) — The world debt crisis, with its painful implications for America's major banks, has significantly altered president Ronald Reagan's thinking about the role and merit of global lending agencies.

In the autumn of 1981, Reagan told a joint meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank that the Third World should not expect unlimited aid from industrial countries.

The president, in a speech that sounded like a lecture, told developing countries they needed to tighten their belts economically to reduce runaway global inflation and build a lasting foundation for world prosperity.

He also said the United States was committed to reducing its budget deficit and therefore could not be counted upon to keep increasing its contributions to the IMF and World Bank.

While the president was lecturing, his Treasury Department was carrying out a study to determine whether the two institutions were making effective use of their funds. Furthermore, the American representative to the IMF refused that year to support a \$5 billion loan to India.

These developments fit in with the president's long-time conservative goal of reducing the role of government in people's lives. What has come as something of a shock is the new attitude the Reagan administration has developed toward global lending agencies within the past year. Instead of resisting

IMF loans to major developing countries, the White House has taken an active role in promoting them.

The president announced on a recent Latin American trip that the United States was providing a \$1.2 billion bridging loan to Brazil to tide the debt-burdened country over until IMF assistance could arrive.

Treasury Secretary Donald Regan has already begun lobbying a reluctant Congress to approve a substantial increase in U.S. contributions to the IMF. What has happened over the past two years to change the Reagan administration's outlook so dramatically?

The global economy slumped deep into recession. Commodity prices plunged. Interest rates soared. The developing countries and the big American and European banks got caught in between.

World Bank lends \$ 11m to China

PEKING, Feb. 13 (AFP) — The World Bank has granted China a \$11 million loan to equip its three main seaports, New China News Agency (NCNA) has reported.

The Chinese Communications Ministry spokesman said that an international call for bids would be issued shortly for the purchase of loading and unloading equipment for use at the ports of Shanghai on the east coast, Tianjin in the northeast and Hanguan in the south near Canton, NCNA said.

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Meets Higuera in final

Connors brushes aside McNamara

TORONTO, Feb. 13 (AP) — Jimmy Connors advanced to the final of the \$250,000 Molson Tennis Challenge by defeating Australian Peter McNamara 6-4, 6-4, 7-5 Saturday.

Connors will meet Jose Higuera of Spain in Sunday's final for the \$100,000 first-prize. Higuera advanced by upsetting Gene Mayer 7-6, 6-4, 7-6.

After complaining about playing with "absolutely no atmosphere" earlier in the week, McNamara and Connors had to deal with a vocal group of 9,673 at Maple Leaf Gardens near the end of their semifinal match.

Connors, 30, had hit two backhands near the baseline with McNamara holding game point in the 11th game of the third set. Both balls were ruled good, but the crowd erupted with whistles and hoots, believing them to be out.

After arguing with umpire Mike Orr for a few minutes, McNamara returned to serve at deuce, but the crowd's howling kept play from resuming. Connors walked to the net, talked to McNamara and the two shook hands, collected their equipment and began to walk off the court.

Referee Bill Kempfer talked to both of them and they stayed to complete the match. But by then, McNamara had lost the fire that had kept the set close, and Connors wrapped up the match.

Vilas extended. Meanwhile, second-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina ousted No. 4 Kevin Curren of South Africa, 6-3, 6-7 (7-5), 6-4, and sixth-seeded Steve Denton turned back unseeded Eliot Teltscher, 7-6 (8-6), 6-2, in the semifinals Saturday of the \$300,000 United Virginia Bank Classic in Richmond.

Vilas and Denton will play a best-of-five match Sunday for the \$100,000 top prize. The loser receives \$32,000. It took Vilas two hours and 20 minutes to dispose of Curren, whom he now has beaten all five times they've played.

Vilas broke Curren in the sixth game of the first set and that was all he needed, and the Argentine took a 5-2 lead in the second set with service breaks to the first and third games. But Vilas lost his serve in the eighth game and again in the 10th, in which Curren saved two match points and pulled out the break. In the tiebreaker, Curren served three of his 14 aces and captured it by winning the

last two points. There were no service breaks in the third set until the 10th and final game. In that one, Vilas broke Curren at love to win the match with Curren helping him with his only double fault of the match.

Vermaak shocked. In Indianapolis, Ginny Purdy, a local high school sophomore, surprised seventh-seeded Iva Budarova of Czechoslovakia 7-6, (7-0), 7-5 to advance to the final of the \$50,000 Ginny of Indianapolis Women's Pro Tournament.

Purdy will face another qualifier Anne Hobbs of Britain, in Sunday's final. Hobbs shocked top-seeded Yvonne Vermaak of South Africa 6-2, 7-5 in the other semifinal. Purdy, 16, loved the support the crowd gave her.

"The crowd helped a lot. I wish I could take them with me to Chicago next week," said the North Central High School student said referring to next week's event. "In a way I feel sorry for her (Budarova), but what do you expect? My friends are pretty loud."

Swedish Rally

Mikkola streaks to glory

KARLSTAD, Sweden, Feb. 13 (AP) — Hannu Mikkola of Finland led all the way as German-made Audi cars dominated the 33rd Swedish Rally which ended here Sunday.

Audi four-wheel drive cars filled the first four places, and Mikkola ensured that he remains the only non-Swedish driver to have won the Rally, having also been successful here in 1981. Mikkola's victory also puts him on top of the World Rally Championship after two events.

Second in the three-day, 1500 km event marked by less snow than in recent years, was the lower-powered Audi 80 Quattro of six-times Rally winner Sjö Blomqvist, who finished less than a minute behind Mikkola, while third place went to Finland's Lasse Lampi driving a privately entered Audi Quattro.

Mikkola's works teammate Michele Mouton of France finished fourth despite the mechanical problems which delayed her on the first day, while the highest-placed two-wheel drive car was the Volkswagen Golf GTI of Sweden's Kalle Grunndel, who finished almost four minutes behind the



Higuera... stunning win

Audi. Ari Vatanen, who dropped as low as 49th after he left the road and stuck in a snow bank on the first day, worked his Opel Ascona back into sixth place at the finish.

With the comparatively mild weather revealing gravel instead of snow and ice on many of the forest tracks, tyre wear became an important factor for many drivers and the more powerful two-wheel drive cars found they were losing ice studs from their tyres, while the four-wheel drive cars, where there is low wear on the driving wheel, were getting longer stud life and better grip.

Mikkola Saturday was on target to repeat his 1981 success in the Rally, when the Scandinavian ace had forged nearly one full minute clear of Blomqvist by the end of the Rally's second phase. And with just seven time trials still to race Sunday Audi went into the final day of competition Sunday with works cars holding the top four places.

Mouton produced a remarkable return from the lower standings after her throttle problems on the fifth time trial on the first day, Friday, to be fourth overall.

At the long 11th special stage Saturday, Mouton beat the leading Finn, who in 1981 became the first non-Swede to win this Rally, by 38 seconds for an average speed of 123 kph over the 47 kms stage.

Rangers edge past Canadiens

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (AP) — Vadav Nedomansky scored what proved to be the decisive goal at 6:02 of the third period and goaltender Glen Hanlon made 40 saves as the New York Rangers beat the Montreal Canadiens 3-2 in the National Hockey League play Saturday night.

Elsewhere in the NHL it was Calgary 4, Buffalo 2; Minnesota 5, Chicago 4; St. Louis 5, New Jersey 1; Hartford 4, New York 2 and Pittsburgh 6, Los Angeles 4.

The Calgary Flames lengthened their home unbeaten streak to nine, skating to a 4-2 victory over the Buffalo Sabres in a closely-contested tie.

Dino Ciccarelli scored Minnesota's fourth goal of the second period with one second left and Jay scored the game-winner to lead the North Stars to a 5-4 triumph over the Chicago Black Hawks.

Jorgen Pettersson scored his 100th NHL goal and Blake Dunlop had a goal and two assists, leading the St. Louis Blues to a 5-1 romp over the New Jersey Devils.

Mark Johnson scored three goals and goaltender Greg Millen was spectacular in a 13-game road losing streak with a 4-2 verdict over Stanley Cup holders New York Islanders.

And, Andre St. Laurent and Peter Lee each scored two goals as the Pittsburgh Penguins ended their club record, 18-game winless streak with a 6-4 victory over the Los Angeles Kings.

Aoki storms back into contention

HONOLULU, Feb. 13 (AP) — Isao Aoki, seeking to become the first Japanese to win an American Professional Golf Association tour, scored a pair of eagles on the way to a seven-under-par 65 that lifted him into a three-way tie for the lead Saturday in the third round of the \$325,000 Hawaiian Open.

Aoki, winner of 39 titles in his homeland and, for the last two years a regular on the American tour, shared the top spot with Ed Fiori and Vance Heafner at 201, 15 strokes under par. Fiori had 66 on the 6,881-yard (6,291 m) Waialae Country Club Course while Heafner, three-stroke leader starting the day, slipped to a 70 in the bright, sunny, tropical weather.

Peter Jacobsen was a stroke off the pace at 202 after a 67. Tim Simpson and Jack Renner, each with a second round 65, were another shot back at 203. Tied at 205, only four strokes out of the lead, were Don Pooley, Ben Crenshaw, Leonard Thompson, Dan Phil and Andy Bean. Pooley closed up with a 65. Crenshaw and Phil each had a 69. Thompson shot 70 and Bean 71.

Meanwhile, Australian Bob Shearer was handed the \$100,000 Victorian Open on a



Hannu Mikkola... second triumph

How they finished

1. Mikkola-Hurt	Audi Quattro
2. Blomqvist-Coeberg	Audi 80
3. Lampi-Kaukiala	Audi Quattro
4. Mouton-Pons	Audi Quattro
5. Grunndel-Melleroth	VW Golf GTI
6. Vatanen-Hariman	Opel Ascona
7. Nilsson-Olsson	Datsun
8. Erikson-Thorselius	Audi 80
9. Waldriss-Beckman	Renault 5

Aussies set sights on making yachting history

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 13 (Agencies) — Two sleek 12-meter yachts flying the Australian flag sweep across the television screen as stirring music swells in the background.

"For 130 years the America's Cup has been firmly bolted in the New York Yacht Club, making it the longest-held trophy in the sporting history of the world," proclaims a solemn voice. "And if there's any time the Americans have fears of losing it, it's now."

The television commercial is the latest fund-raising gimmick to be tried in Australia to excite support for the country's seventh challenge for the Blue Ribband event of International Yachting since 1962.

The United States took the Cup in 1851 when the schooner America trotted the pride of British yachting before Queen Victoria in a race around the Isle of Wight. Despite 24 challenges, from Britain, Australia, and one from Canada, the America's Cup has remained firmly in American hands.

This time Australian syndicates have built three oew 12-meters for the challenge. They will race in the June eliminations against French, Italian, Swedish and British yachts at Newport, Rhode Island, in the American northeast. The winning yacht then races an American yacht in a ooe-to-ooe contest in a best-of-seven series.

Australian yachtsmen take it for granted that they will defeat all comers in the eliminations, and one of their three yachts will face the American defender. But fund-raising for the Aussie challenge has been slow. Australia, is suffering severe economic crisis with more than 8.3 percent unemployment and 11 percent inflation.

Apparently the multimillion-dollar races

In Hawaiian Open Golf

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platter Sunday as his main rival fellow-countryman Greg Norman, lost the lead in the final two holes.

Shearer, who finished six under the card on 212, fired a final round 70, and watched as Norman made a bogey-bogey finish to lose by a shot. Shearer collected \$18,000 after shooting rounds of 73-168-70, while Norman pocketed \$10,000 after firing 68-74-70-71.

For Norman it was another close miss. On this course in 1979 he gave away the Australian Open title to Jack Newton after missing a short-putt on the final hole. At the 18th hole Sunday his tee shot ended up to the left of the fairway beside a sponsor's tent. He was able to take a penalty free drop but punched his pitching wedge approach shot to the back of the green, chopped about 15 feet past the cup, missed the putt which would have forced a playoff.

The highest placed overseas player was American Lee Trevino who finished equal fifth with a four round total of 288. In the \$10,000 winner-take-all challenge match between Jane Lock of Victoria, Australia, and Texas-based Australian Jan Stephenson, Lock swept home to win by seven shots. She finished five under the card after rounds of

73, 74, 71, 73, while Stephenson fired 76, 7, 75 and 75.

In Sarasota, Florida, defending champion Beth Daniel, playing steady golf in wet weather for the second time in three days, clung to a two-stroke lead over Joanne Carner when heavy rain stopped play during the third round of the \$175,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association Classic.

Both golfers were one-under-par through 15 holes of the round on the par-72 6,128-yard (5,603 m) Bent Tree Golf and Racquet Club Course. Daniel was seven-under for the tournament, while Carner was five-under. A thunderstorm Thursday caused a three-hour delay and forced the tournament off schedule. Officials suspended action Thursday and Friday because of darkness, forcing golfers still on the course to complete their rounds the following morning.

Kathy Postlewait, who was one-over par through 15 holes, trailed Daniel by four shots when play was topped Saturday. Alice Miller, Donna White and Jo Ann Washam were also on the leader board at one-under par. Daniel started the day with a two-stroke advantage over Carner, Postlewait, White and Cathy Shear.

Against Geller

Karpov settles for draw

LINARES, Spain, Feb. 13 (Agencies) — World champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union, playing with black pieces, drew with his countryman Efim Geller in 18 moves in the opening round of the eleven grand masters fourth international "Linares" Chess Tournament Saturday.

Other results of this opening round of the ten-day tournament were: Vlastimil Hort, of Czechoslovakia, adjourned his match with Tony Miles, of England, after 42 moves. Bent Larsen, of Denmark, defeated Artur Yusupov, of the Soviet Union, in 24 moves. Boris Spassky, of the Soviet Union, and Ulf Andersson, Sweden, drew in 25 moves, while Gula Sax, of Hungary, defeated Yaser Seirawan, of the U.S. in 38 moves.

Meanwhile, Yugoslav chess grand master Ljubomir Ljubojevic pulled out of Spain's highest-level ever chess tournament in protest at what he regarded as Soviet "manipulation" of the entry list.

The status of the Linares event was reduced from the International Chess Feder-

ation's top grade, 15, to grade 14 as a result of the Yugoslav's withdrawal. Ljubojevic was angry at the last-minute substitution of Efim Geller for Mikhail Tal in the Soviet team.

He believed Soviet officials wanted to avoid their influential world champion Anatoly Karpov having to play Tal, who is currently in exceptionally good form. The non-appearance of former world champion Tal was officially attributed to sickness, but Ljubojevic believed it was a "diplomatic" illness.

This Yugoslav player pulled out of the Moscow Inter-Zonal Tournament last year because of similar unhappiness about the Soviet team's attitude. Matches at the Linares tournament have had to be rescheduled because of the Yugoslav's decision.

In Malaga, Spain's Manuel Rivas won Saturday the 23rd International "Sun Coast" Chess Tournament held at nearby town of Torremolinos. Rivas drew with Daniel Hugo Campora, Argentina, in 29 moves in the ninth and last round Saturday.

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As they wrap up WSC finals 2-0

Aussies give Kiwis a thrashing

MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb. 13 (AP) — Australia romped home to an easy victory against New Zealand in the second final to wrap up the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup at the Melbourne Cricket Ground Sunday.

Scoring a WSC record of 302 for eight from 50 overs, Australia went on to bundle out New Zealand for 153 in front of 71,393 spectators and win by 149 runs. The home side took a total of almost \$80,000 in prize money from the series for their 2-0 win in the best of three finals contest.

After bagging \$22,500 from their five preliminary victories they took \$32,000 from the finals and an additional \$25,000 put up by a Melbourne newspaper for a victory Sunday.

New Zealand, never in the match after a blistering 140 opening partnership by Australian batsmen Steve Smith and Graeme Wood, were virtually on their way back home with a slump in the first few overs of their own innings.

At one stage the visitors were 23 for four and only a thunderous 52, including six sixes by Lance Cairns, saved face for New Zealand. The Kiwis won \$26,000 for their success in six preliminary matches and another \$16,000 as losers of the finals.

England's David Gower was named man of the series and Australian skipper Kim Hughes was named man of the finals. Both awards carry a \$2,000 cash prize.

Gower, who was man of the series in Australia's recent Ashes victory, also won a Datsun Skyline car as the international cricketer of the year.

The match belonged to Smith, the opener from Bankstown in Sydney, who produced his maiden century for Australia — a knock of 117 off 130 deliveries which included 10 fours. Wood (91) was the dominant partner in their opening stand and played his own great part in Australia's triumph, but for pure entertainment nothing matched Cairns' 50, which came in 24 minutes from 21 deliveries. However, the match was effectively over when Cairns came in with the score at a miserable 44, for six.

The power performance came after Australian skipper Kim Hughes chose to bat on the perfect MCG wicket. Australia's score eclipsed the tally of 297 scored by New Zealand when they beat England in the preliminary WSC match in Adelaide last month.

Wood and Smith took full advantage of the absence of star Kiwi allrounder Richard Hadlee. Smith was the quiet partner, on 47 when Wood was bowled by Jeremy Coney attempting a sweep, but he gained confidence the longer he was at the wicket. He delighted the crowd with some spanking-off drives in his 10 boundaries.

It was the Sydney opener's third match for

Australia after he and Wood were called up for the last preliminary match in Perth. His great innings followed a score of 263 at the same ground in a Sheffield Shield match against Victoria, the knock that prompted selectors to give him his chance at international level.

New Bowler Richard Webb, called over from Dunedin after taking four wickets and breaking a batsman's jaw in a recent provincial match, was given a rude reception to the MCG. He had 14 belted off his first two overs as Wood set about outwitting his partner in the run chase. But all six bowlers called in by New Zealand skipper Geoff Howarth took a beating.

Score-board

Australia		New Zealand	
G. Wood b Coney	91	J. Wright c Marsh b Hogg	3
S. Smith c and b Webb	117	G. Turner c Marsh b Lawson	1
K. Hughes c Lees b Chaffield	112	G. Howarth b Lawson	3
A. Border c and b Chaffield	11	J. Crowe lbw b Macleay	27
D. Hookes c Wright b Webb	40	J. Coney b Lillie	2
G. Chappell c Wright b Cairns	7	J. Morrison b Lillie	2
K. Macleay run out	10	W. Lees run out	52
R. Marsh not out	3	L. Cairns c Smith b Lawson	35
G. Lawson run out	3	M. Snedden c Marsh b Hookes	10
Extras	8	E. Chaffield lbw Chappell	35
Total (for 8 wickets)	302	R. Webb not out	9
		Extras	6
		Total	153

Fall of wickets: 1-140, 2-167, 3-205, 4-261, 5-280, 6-285, 7-299, 8-302.

Bowling: Webb 9-1-47-2; Cairns 8-0-56-1; Chaffield 10-0-54-2; Snedden 7-0-47-0; Morrison 7-0-39-0; Coney 9-0-51-1.



Graeme Wood ... breezy knock

Rangers' Rana strikes deadly

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 13 — A deadly spell by Rana featured in Rangers' fine three-wicket victory over Hospital in the Benson and Hedges Cricket League last weekend.

Rana rocked Hospital with his furious burst, after the latter had opted to make the first use of the wicket, leaving them floundering at 58 for six. But Hospital infused some life into their total with Assad (59 not out) employing the long handle. And Rangers, chasing a target of 107 for seven, were steered past the meagre total by Mazhar with a bright 68.

Sohail continued on his run spree with yet another fine performance. But his blistering undefeated 95 went in vain as Zahid Tractors lost by a 11-run margin to Pak Saudi. Pak Saudi, batting first, reached 149 for six in their allotted overs with Nasim (20), Hameed (27) and Sohail (24) getting the bulk of the score. And when it was Zahid Tractors' turn in the middle, only Sohail stood out as the Tractors managed 138 for five.

In another keen encounter, Petromin edged past 1395 by 20 runs. A fine century stand between Farooq (57) and Sohail (57) for the third-wicket made light the early loss of two wickets in Petromin's innings. After their 104-run association, Christie pitched in with a breezy 22 and Petromin finished with 165.

1395 made a game dash for victory with Amin (65 not out) and Hawkin (32) leading the charge. But Hawkin's departure put paid to their hopes and they could just manage 145 for five in their assigned overs.

Jeff Kostoff nips fancied Salnikov

BONN, Feb. 13 (AFP) — Triple world record holder Vladimir Salnikov of the Soviet Union was beaten into second place by America's Jeff Kostoff in the 400 m freestyle at the Arena International (short course) Swimming Meet here Sunday.

Salnikov was in good form and completed the distance in 3:43.92, less than a second below his world time of 3:42.96 registered in a 50 m pool in December. But the 18-year-old Californian, five years younger than the Soviet middle distance ace, took the lead from the start and fought off Salnikov's relentless challenge to win in 3:43.71, the second world best time ever.

Salnikov, world record holder at 400 m, 800 m and 1,500 m, had not been beaten at an international meet since the 1981 European Championships in Split.

It's going to be rough sailing for Bearzot

ROME, Feb. 13 (Agencies) — Enzo Bearzot, the most popular man in Italy just seven months ago, is facing a crisis. The world champions inept showing in Cyprus, where they were held to a humiliating 1-1 draw, has left the Italians with an uphill battle if they are to qualify for the European Soccer Championships finals in France next year.

Italy have not won a game since they beat West Germany 3-1 in the World Cup final in Madrid. The fallen heroes have been beaten at home by Switzerland in a friendly and drawn their three European Championship Group Five games. Since they have still to visit Romania, Czechoslovakia and Sweden, a shock elimination is very much on the cards.

Even before Sunday's disastrous result, the likeable and laconic Bearzot had come in for criticism over his determined adherence to the World Cup winning squad. But following the humiliation meted out by the Cypriot part-timers, that criticism of the 56-year-old manager is going to appear mild. Television

and radio commentators have already begun slamming Bearzot in what promises to be the prelude to a barrage of attacks and interrogations.

At the center of the storm is Paolo Rossi of Juventus, top scorer in the World Cup with six goals, and fellow striker Francesco Graziani of Fiorentina, who did manage to score the face-saving equalizer in Limassol. Rossi as scored only three league goals this season, one less than Graziani. Bearzot has been attacked for persisting with Rossi and Graziani, while Internazionale's Alessandro Altobelli, who has eight goals to his credit, Roberto Bettiga of Juventus and Bruno of Lazio have sat on the sidelines.

The manager, who never appears ruffled, has insisted he will not alter the side which won the World Cup. But that may now change. Faced by a crowd of heated journalists in Cyprus clamoring to know if he planned changes, Bearzot appeared to weaken in his resolve when he said: "We'll see in a

couple of months time." Failure to qualify for the European finals would be considered a national disaster and be a grotesque humiliation for the newly-crowned world champions.

Bearzot, who has been manager since 1977, still insists qualification is possible. But he must be a worried man. Although he was offered an unprecedented four-year contract last November, effectively ensuring him of control until after the 1986 World Cup, it might prove hard for him to survive if Italy go out of the European Championship.

He will be under mounting pressure to freshen up the side and Rossi, Graziani, Marco Tardelli and Giancarlo Antognoni must all be under threat. But Bearzot showed in Spain that he is not one to bow in criticism.

But, after Cyprus, he must be asking the same question as the agonized television reporter who ended his account of the game by saying: "SOS from Cyprus, what has happened to the side that strode to victory in Spain?"

Stenmark glides to fourth victory

TODNAU, West Germany, Feb. 13 (AFP) — Ingemar Stenmark scored his second Alpine Skiing World Cup win in three days when he outpaced all his main rivals in a giant slalom here Sunday.

It was the super-Swede's fourth win of the season after Courmayeur, Kitzbuhel and Markstein in France on Friday and it confirms that his relatively poor start to the year is now behind him. At the same time, the double Olympic champion, moved up to second in the overall World Cup standings behind leader and bolder Phil Mahre of the U.S.

Stenmark was lying back in fifth place after the first leg, with Brjan Krizaj of Yugoslavia, Saturday's winner in the second of the Markstein slaloms, in the lead from Phil Mahre, Hans Enn and Andreas Wenzel.

And for once he could only return the second best time of 1:20.68 over the second leg behind Max Julien's 1:20.65. Julien, however, had skied a had first leg and finished more than one second down on Stenmark. The Swede's second-leg time of 1:20.68 was second best as the leaders faltered and was enough to hoist him up into first place.

Krizaj and Enn failed to complete the second run. Mahre slipped down to fourth, and Wenzel in fifth as Stenmark, Julien and his Swiss compatriot Pirmin Zurbriggen filled the first three places. Mahre's fourth place, however, consolidates his lead in the overall standings with 198 points, and Stenmark is now second with 167. In the giant slalom standings, Zurbriggen leads with 90 points, 16 ahead of Enn.

In Tokyo Marathon

Seko erases Sidorov's mark with superb spurt

TOKYO, Feb. 13 (Agencies) — Japan's top marathoner Toshihiko Seko, running for the first time in 22 months, won the Tokyo Marathon Sunday, finishing the 42.195 kilometer (26-mile, 385-yard) race in two hours, eight minutes, 38 seconds.

The 26-year-old Seko's time was 25 seconds short of American Alberto Salazar's world best time of 2:08.13. But it was a new record for the Tokyo race. He clipped almost two minutes off the existing record of 2:10.33 set by Vadim Sidorov of the Soviet Union last year.

Running under clear skies, Takeshi Soh, another Japanese, came in second 17 seconds behind Seko. Mexican champion Rodolfo Gomez finished third in 2:09.12. He won the Tokyo event in 1981 and placed second in the 1982 New York City Marathon.

In a neck-and-neck contest, Seko pulled away from Gomez at the 39-kilometer (23.4 mile) mark, and easily headed for the finish line. Gomez held the lead briefly after he broke away from the front running six-man group at the 38-kilometer point. But the Mexican said he was overtaken by Seko and Soh when he started to feel pain just after he led the field of 80 runners from 10 countries.

Ethiopia's Debreje Nedi came in fourth with a time of 2:10.39. Tanzania's Juma Kangana, who surprised the marathon world by finishing a close second in the British Commonwealth Games last October, was fifth in 2:10.54.

Ethiopia's Kebede Balcha, who was running second until the changeover of the leaders, had the sixth best time of 2:12.7. East Germany's winner of the Montreal and Moscow Olympic Marathons, Waldemar Cierpinski, was seventh in 2:12.40, followed by another East German, Joachim Truppel in 2:12.41. Ralf Salzman of West Germany placed ninth in 2:12.57 and Shigeru Seki, twin brother of Takeshi, was tenth in 2:13.18.

Meanwhile, Britain's Daley Thompson, the Olympic European and Commonwealth decathlon champion, injured his back Saturday night while competing in a pentathlon at an indoor meeting here. Thompson, who holds the world decathlon record of 8,744 points, was forced to withdraw after the long jump, the second of the five events.

"I felt a severe pain in my lower back after landing in the long jump pit and it was too painful for me to continue," he said. "I think I compressed the muscles in my back." Thompson is to see Toronto chiropractor Borys Chambul about the injury.

In Sindelfingen, West Germany, Ralf Luehke set a world indoor best time for the men's 200 meters for the second time in two days here Saturday night. Luehke, 17, clocked 20.77 seconds at the West German Athletic Championships in knock 21 hundredths of a second off the mark he set during heats on Friday.

Jarmila Kratochvilova of Czechoslovakia produced a new world best performance in the women's 800 meters in the indoor athletics meeting in Jablonec when she clocked a time of 1 min 58 secs.

Alexander Obizhayev of the Soviet Union cleared 5.74 meters (18 feet 10 inches) to set a European indoor pole vault record at the Soviet Cup Competition in Moscow, Tass reported Sunday. The European standard of 5.70 meters (18 feet 8.5 inches) was set by France's Thierry Vigneron in Grenoble.

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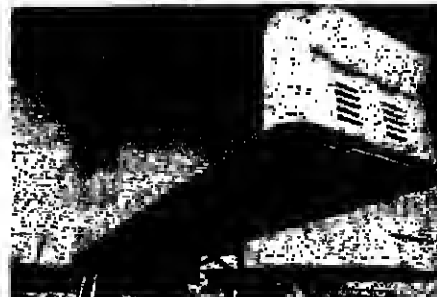
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Labor facing problems

Mrs. Thatcher may order poll in June

LONDON, Feb. 13 (AP) — A June general election in Britain looked a strong possibility after the ruling Conservative party was Friday given clearance to prepare for an election on redrawn constituency boundaries.

Political observers consider the changes, increasing the number of parliamentary seats from 635 to 65, could give Mrs. Thatcher's Conservatives about 20 extra members of parliament. The path to a summer poll was opened up Friday when Labor opposition leader Michael Foot and three colleagues were refused leave by the law lords to further pursue their legal battle against the boundary changes.

Labor's official argument against the new boundaries was that the boundary commission had failed in its statutory duty to give each constituency an average of as near as

possible to 65,753 voters. An early election would give the Tory government, whose five-year mandate runs out in May, 1984, the chance of exploiting their current popularity in the opinion polls.

The Tories, for whom the fight against inflation has been the lynchpin of their economic policy, are also aware that financial experts predict that inflation, which fell to a yearly average of 4.9 percent in January, will rise again after June.

The bookmakers are betting on June as the election date and on the Tories as the winners. Even before Friday's court ruling, the Conservative Party had reportedly been preparing for a summer election and the process of selecting candidates speeded up. In addition, informed sources report that the Tory offers are full.

Russia bares British 'lies'

MOSCOW, Feb. 13 (AP) — The Soviet Union Sunday accused British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her Conservative Party of using "the dirtiest methods of (Josef) Goebbels' propaganda" to spread fear about a "mythical" Soviet military threat. The official news agency Tass leveled the charge in a strident commentary on a speech Mrs. Thatcher made Saturday to young Conservatives in the English seaside resort of Bournemouth.

Hitting out at a growing anti-nuclear lobby in Britain, Mr. Thatcher compared failure to counter Soviet nuclear missiles pointed at Western Europe to banding Adolf Hitler the

nuclear weapons that might have meant that "the thousand year Reich became just that."

Calling this "an obvious slander against the Soviet Union," Tass retorted in kind. It accused Mrs. Thatcher, long dubbed the "iron lady" for her tough anti-Soviet stance, of borrowing from Nazi propaganda chief Josef Goebbels to propagate her views.

"The British Tories, trumpeting at various conferences the existence of a mythical 'Soviet military threat,' wittingly or unwittingly show that they have fully adopted the dirtiest methods of Goebbels propaganda," Tass said.

3 bombs triggered Nigerian fire

LAGOS, Feb. 13 (R) — Three bombs triggered off a fire that severely damaged Nigeria's telecommunications headquarters and killed two persons last month, the government-owned *New Nigerian* newspaper said Sunday.

Bombs were placed on the second floor of the 36-story building, one on a middle floor and one high up, the newspaper said. It also said one of 20 persons in police custody on arson and murder charges had confessed that he and four others had been recruited to set

fire to the building which houses the Nigerian External Telecommunications (NET) Company.

NET has been the target of government fraud inquiries for several months and firemen had been on permanent alert at the building until December because of arson threats. Nigeria's chief fire officer and a senior Interior Ministry official were accused by police in court last week by accepting a \$75,000 bribe to withdraw the firemen and allow the arson attempt.

Americans digging out from snow; store looted

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (R) — People in the northeastern United States were digging themselves out Sunday from under the heaviest snowfall of the winter.

At New York's three major airports, an estimated 8,000 persons spent their second night waiting for planes after being trapped since Friday afternoon by a blizzard which swept across nine states, blanketing them with up to two feet of snow. Officials said the three airports — La Guardia, Kennedy and Newark — would reopen Sunday morning and the airports in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Boston were also expected to resume operations.

All major cities along the 600-mile (965 kms) path of the blizzard were struggling to clear roads and restore transport services. Many major highways, blocked on Friday night by snow drifts up to nine feet (three meters) in places, were cleared but they remained slippery. Officials enforced 56 kph speed limits and advised people to stay at home.

Officials in New York City said it was the worst snowstorm in 36 years. Several subway lines were not back in full operation and buses ran only sporadically. Thousands of workers helped by 1,000 snow ploughs labored round the clock to clear the city's streets. Police said many abandoned cars had been broken into and urged motorists to dig out their vehicles as soon as possible. There was also an outbreak of looting in



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New York when about 100 persons carried off thousands of dollars of merchandise from a hardware warehouse. Fourteen were arrested.

Barbie considers fighting French resistance his duty

PARIS, Feb. 13 (AP) — Klaus Barbie, the Nazi war criminal known as the "butcher of Lyon," said in a television interview that he was only doing his duty in fighting the French resistance and if Germany had won the war, nobody would be worried about his case.

Barbie, the head of Nazi Germany's gестапо in Lyon from 1942 to 1944, is accused of executing 4,000 persons, torturing thousands more and sending 7,500 French Jews to concentration camps. Since his expulsion from Bolivia Feb. 5, he has been charged by French authorities with "crimes against humanity."

"I did my duty," Barbie said in the interview with two Bolivian journalists conducted on the plane that brought him from La Paz to Lyon. The interview, excerpts of which were shown earlier, was to be broadcast Sunday night.

"I was chief of the anti-resistance group in France, because there were several groups, each with its own work," he said in Spanish. "My particular job was the war against the French resistance." Asked about Jean Moulin, a hero of the French resistance in World War II whom Barbie is accused of torturing to death, he said: "That was part of the war." Looking for a historical analogy, he

said Napoleon was condemned by all of Europe for his tyranny. "Two hundred years later, he is made a hero."

For his part, Barbie said, "If Germany had won the war, they wouldn't be bothering with my case now." Barbie, who was transferred from the Fort Montluc Prison in Lyon to Saint Joseph Prison for security reasons late Saturday night, said events of the war years should be forgotten.

"Yes, absolutely, because so many new crimes have happened, more than 100 wars after World War II and all the recent crimes which are known to the public." "I have forgotten. If they have not forgotten, it is their business. I have forgotten."

Elizabeth, Philip leave for Jamaica

LONDON, Feb. 13 (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, Prince Philip, left a chilly London Sunday bound for Jamaica, the first stop on a month-long tour of the Caribbean, Mexico, the U.S. West Coast and western Canada.

In the United States, the monarch was to host a 31st anniversary dinner for President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy on board the royal yacht *Britannia*. She also was to visit San Francisco, where leaders of the Irish community are planning to greet her with protests on the British policy in Northern Ireland.

The queen, wearing a turquoise coat and matching hat, stepped aboard a Royal Air Force VC-10 of the queen's flight in temperatures hovering around the freezing point. The plane had been sprayed with nearly 100 gallons (450 liters) of de-icing fluid before takeoff.

The tour, Elizabeth's most extensive in the Western hemisphere since she acceded to the throne in 1952, was to take her to Kingston for a three-day stay in Jamaica, then to the Cayman Islands, a British colony, Feb. 16-17. From there she will fly to Mexico for a five-day visit.

Off Mexico, the queen and Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, will board the royal yacht *Britannia* Feb. 22 for a trip up the Pacific coasts of Mexico and the United States highlighted by her dinner for the Reagans March 1. The heads of state had last met when Reagan visited Windsor Castle last June.

South Africa rejects prisoner swap offer

LONDON, Feb. 13 (AP) — South Africa has rejected a prisoner swap that would have freed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela in exchange for four white mercenaries condemned to death in the Seychelles for their role in a failed coup attempt, the British Foreign Office said Sunday.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the swap was proposed by the Seychelles Socialist government led by President Albert Renee, a Foreign Office spokesman said. "We can confirm that the Seychelles foreign minister did refer to this idea, but it apparently came to nothing," the spokesman said.

Canadians protest pact with U.S.

MONTEFAL, Feb. 13 (AP) — Nearly 300 persons with black umbrellas demonstrated here Saturday outside Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's home against a so-called umbrella agreement for Cruise missile test flights in Canada.

To that agreement signed Thursday in Washington, Canada consented tentatively to the testing of various U.S. weapons.

China, Vietnam trade charges of provocation

PEKING, Feb. 13 (AP) — While China Sunday accused Vietnam of committing five "armed provocations" at the border last week, the Hanoi regime accused the Peking Communist regime of violating its sovereignty by allowing American companies to "explore and extract" oil and gas in the Bac Bo Gulf, also known as the Gulf of Tonkin.

The New China News Agency (NCNA), said the "provocations" which apparently caused no casualties, occurred between Feb. 6 and 10 in the Chinese provinces of Yunnan and Guangxi, both bordering Vietnam.

Early this month, Vietnam announced its decision to observe a unilateral ceasefire at the Sino-Vietnamese border between Feb. 5 and 19, to mark the lunar new year, celebrated in both countries. But Peking rejected the Vietnamese ceasefire proposal, calling it a "totally hypocritical" maneuver aimed at "deceiving" international public opinion.

The Vietnam News Agency (VNA) moni-

tored in Bangkok said the Vietnamese government "had many times" affirmed its sovereignty over its territorial waters and continental shelf, as well as all the natural resources in those areas.

It said the foreign companies that conduct the exploration and extraction of oil and gas in violation of Vietnam's sovereignty "must bear all the consequences" arising from their "wrong actions." The Vietnamese conflict last Nov. 12 delineated the borders of its territorial waters that included part of the Bac Bo Gulf and two disputed island groups — Spratly and Prata in the South China Sea. The two island groups, reportedly oil-bearing, have been a source of contention between Peking and Hanoi.

Hanoi's version of the territorial waters boundary in the Gulf of Tonkin is based on an 1887 treaty between France, then the colonial power, and the Chinese Manchu Qing Dynasty then in power.

Industrialist's wife killed in Basque

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Feb. 13 (AP) — A pregnant woman was killed and her husband, an industrialist, seriously wounded Saturday night in Spain's northern Basque country by suspected Basque separatists, police said Sunday.

Police said that, according to witnesses, two young men opened fire with sub-machine gun on a car, occupied by the couple, in the center of the town of Tolosa, and then fled away in a waiting car toward San Sebastian. The woman, Patricia Yanillo, 32, was instantly killed, police said, while her husband, Jose Luis Aiko Alvarez, 44, was

rushed to hospital with two bullets in his chest.

At first, police believed the wounded man was a member of the paramilitary civil guard but later the provincial civil governor's office said he was an industrialist and that his wife was pregnant. At the scene of the shooting, police said, they found bullet shells of the type habitually used by the Basque separatist organization ETA. The woman was the fifth person killed in terrorist actions in the Basque country so far this year. The ETA claimed 40 of the 49 killings registered in Spain last year.

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Frankfurt	0	32	0	32	snow
Geneva	-3	27	0	32	snow
Helsinki	-16	3	-7	19	cloudy
Hong Kong	11	52	13	55	rain
Honolulu	16	60	25	76	clear
Jakarta	24	75	33	91	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	22	72	34	93	rain
London	-1	30	2	36	snow
Los Angeles	14	58	26	79	cloudy
Madrid	-5	23	4	39	clear
Mariia	18	64	31	88	rain
Miami	18	64	25	78	rain
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Moscow	-4	23	-5	23	cloudy
New Delhi	9	48	23	73	cloudy
New York	-7	19	-2	28	cloudy
Oaxo	-9	16	-6	21	clear
Paris	-4	25	2	36	cloudy
Peking	-9	15	-2	26	clear
Rio de Janeiro	22	72	35	92	rain
Rome	9	41	11	52	rain
San Francisco	10	50	11	52	clear
Saudi	-13	9	-9	16	clear
Singapore	25	77	33	91	clear
Stockholm	-10	14	-4	25	snow
Sydney	20	68	27	80	cloudy
Taipei	12	54	16	61	rain
Tokyo	-1	30	8	46	clear
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